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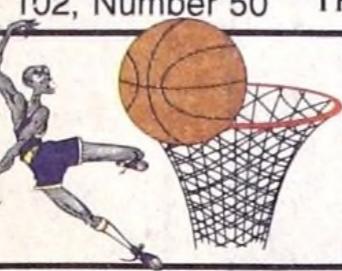
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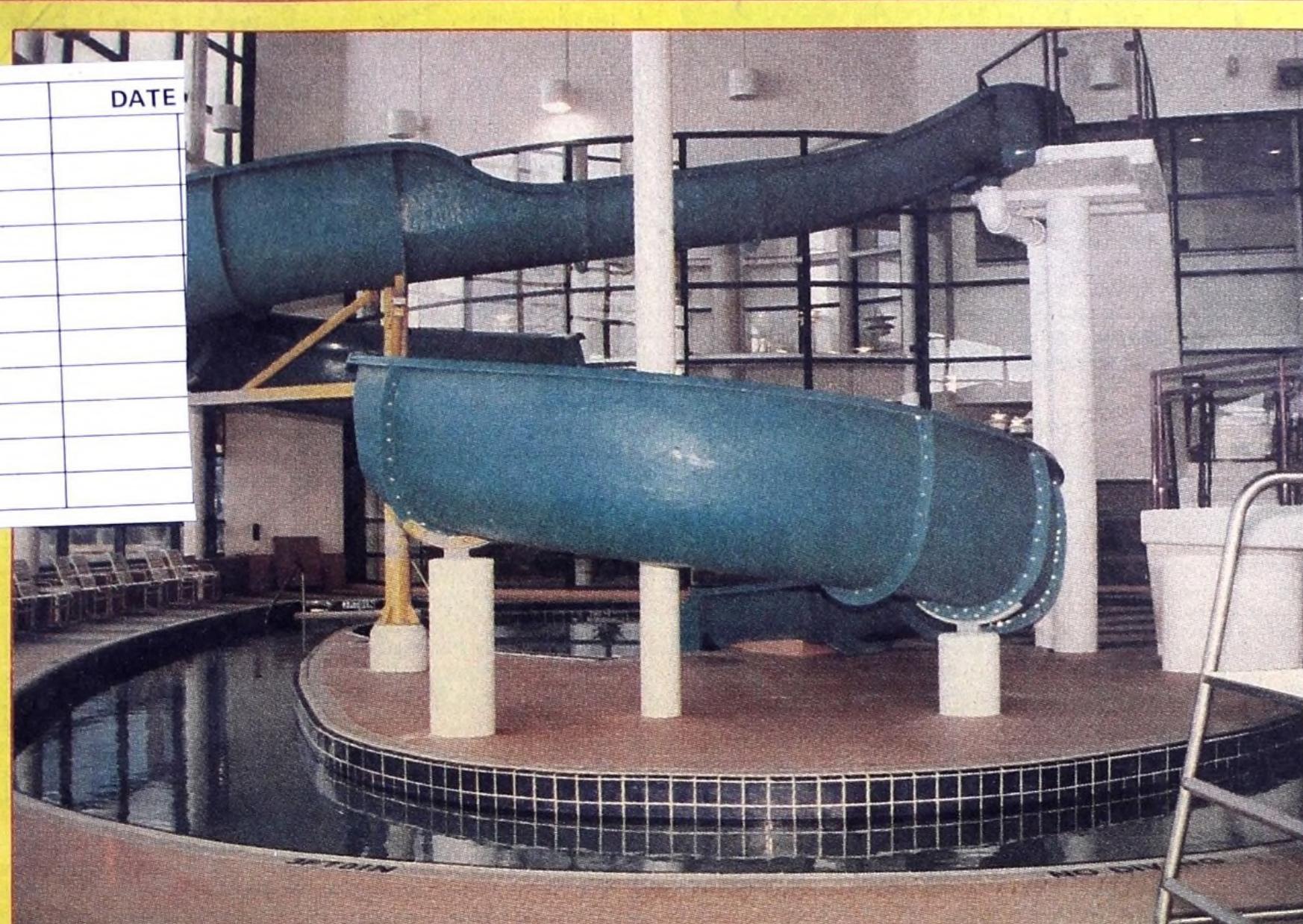
It's David vs. Goliath



## ARTIST CREATES TREASURED COLLECTION



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### Aquatic fun

An 120-foot water slide complete with a "lazy river" for floating is part of the massive aquatics center in the new Summit on the Park Community Center. A grand opening to the public is slated for Jan. 6 and 7, complete with tours of the 85,000 foot facility. MCN photo by Kimberly Woloskie

## Oakley is gearing up for challenges

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

After taking a brief three-day holiday breather this week, the new administration of Mayor William Oakley will be forced to roll up its sleeves and tackle a number of pressing issues in the new year.

Those issues include the environmental well project, the Vining Road interchange, road upgrades and building buyouts involving Wayne County and Metro Airport leaders and the downtown remodeling effort.

If those challenges weren't enough, Oakley and his new top aide, Tom Morris, also will be pressed to fill out a number of department head positions left empty by the departures of former Mayor Beverly McAnally staff members.

Oakley and Morris were known to be interviewing one candidate last Friday to possibly fill the Finance Department director's post. Other critical positions yet to be filled include that of city assessor and community development director. A possible change in the city attorney's office is also expected.

It also is believed that Oakley will hire a public information officer to handle the city's ties with the media and other organizations.

Oakley has said on a number of occasions that he will give first biddings on top city jobs to Romulus residents. He has been extremely cautious in his comments to the public on persons he is considering for those posts.

He has returned the city leased ruby colored Lincoln Town Car and cancelled the order for a replacement car for 1996 apparently ordered by McAnally.

In addition to laboring long hours on setting up the key priorities for his administration, Oakley, Morris and others have worked to build bridges between his new appointees and hold-over employees.

He has met socially with many city employees at functions such as the city's Christmas party and reportedly has helped eliminate some of the tensions brought on because of the long time period between the election day and the recount.

His administrative assis-



Thomas Morris

tant, Rita McLenon, has taken over the office formerly used by McAnally's administrative aide and Morris' office is adjacent to Oakley's (formerly used by Community Development Director Jane Downing).

David Paul has been the "man in motion" at City Hall, spending part of the day in his new Department of Public Works office and part in his old office as Building, Safety and Engineering Department director in City Hall.

It also has been reported that Oakley and council officials will travel to Taylor City Hall for a group meeting with Taylor Mayor Cameron Priebe and his council members on the environmental well issue.

Priebe is quoted as saying, "We want to discuss the facts of this (well) situation and brainstorm what the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is most likely to respond to, and get them (DNR) to deny a permit for the well."

Members of the Romulus Environmentalists Caring About People (RECAP) group reportedly have attended Taylor study sessions to discuss their feelings on the proposed well.

Taylor is now getting involved in the issue because Environmental Disposal Systems (EDS) is planning to install an environmental injection well near its borders at Inkster and Wick roads in Romulus.

## Romulus soldier home

### European children still love GI's food packages

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

A petite but tough Romulus soldier home for the Christmas holidays revealed uniformed American service personnel still are extremely popular with children across Europe.

Susan Kreft, who was granted a two-week furlough from Germany shortly after her new husband, Juan Tovar, was sent to the Bosnian peace-keeper program, has mixed emotions this holiday season.

Susan was excited to come back to Romulus to visit her parents, Stanley and Phyllis Kreft, but at the same time remains very anxious about her husband of four months traveling to the war ravaged former Yugoslavia.

Susan officially still uses her maiden name while in the service, since it would require heavy paperwork to change all her Army records.

Soldiers back at their units in Germany had mixed views on the Bosnian experience, but most felt their presence was definitely needed if the Bosnian peace treaty was to take hold and survive.

"Actually my husband felt a sense of relief upon being informed that he was heading by truck convoy to Bosnia," Susan said.

"At least it beats the uncertainty of waiting to hear where you're going," she added.

The 20-year-old Romulus High graduate said she personally witnessed children's responses to American sol-

diers as they entered small towns in Turkey earlier this year.

The half-naked kids would line the roadways where Americans were known to pass by, Susan said, "and yell out at us 'MRE' as we drove along near their homes."

The "MRE" shouts related to the pre-packaged food portions Americans carry in their gear.

The compassionate Americans could never pass those kids without tossing out some of their food packs, Susan related, and the children and their parents know it.

Susan, who is assigned to a transportation unit, jokingly told of getting a black-eye, while target shooting with rifles. The German soldiers

working with them at the time, didn't realize women were part of such units and were even more surprised to see Susan's skills with the rifles.

She earned a striking award for joining in such a weapons activity with the Germans.

Susan also learned an important traveling skill upon coming home from Germany. She failed to wear her uniform while traveling and that fact (along with a snowstorm that briefly blocked landings and takeoffs at Kennedy Airport in New York City) ate up two days of her two-week furlough.

First her flight was sent to Maine for a short stopover and then returned to JFK Airport, where she was passed over for

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## Taxi!

### Cabs upgrade image at airport

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

Detroit Metro Airport is spiffing up its image for out-of-town visitors by upgrading its fleet of taxi cabs.

"For many out-of-town visitors a cab ride from the airport is one of their very first experiences in the Metro area," said Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara.

Thus last September, 46 of the 103 taxi cabs based at Metro Airport have been upgraded to newer vehicles and drivers are now asked to adhere to a much stricter dress code.

For drivers now, all gym shoes and sandals are banned. And all trousers, ties, socks, caps, sweaters and coats, must be black or gray.

Cab drivers also must pass a geographical knowledge test

and must take the most direct route from the airport to the passenger's destination, unless ordered to do differently by the passenger.

The drivers also will undergo random drug testing and must pass an English language proficiency test.

McNamara revealed that as of Dec. 1, it was ordered that no taxi models older than 1991s could operate at the airport and next June the requirements will be further toughened by not allowing any taxis older than four years to be used.

"In order to bring on some brand new vehicles immediately, we offered an incentive," airport attorney Robert Murphy said. "Any cab driver, who bought a 1996 model between September and December will be allowed to keep it in service for five years."

"With the newer cars, business at the airport has improved and the public is

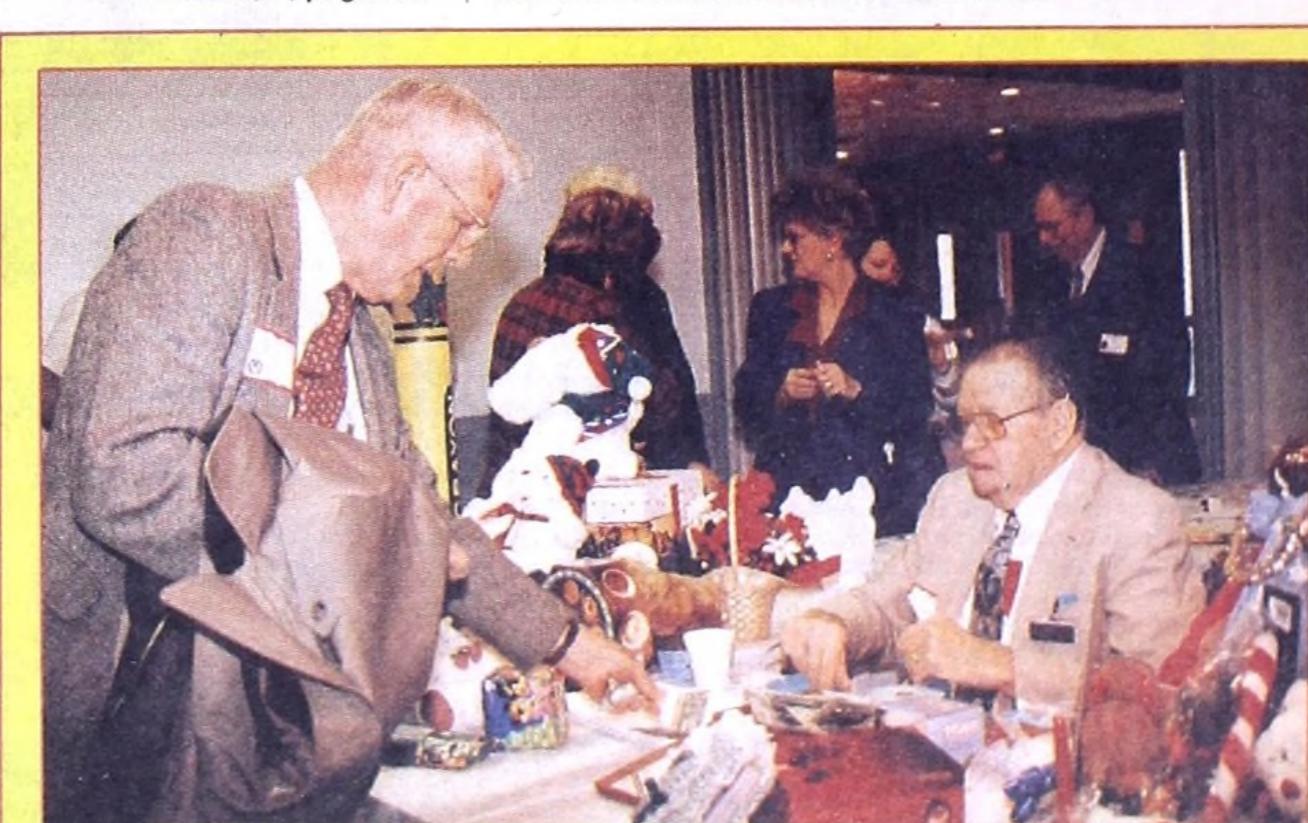
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## Holiday cheer

The annual Wayne Senior Services Christmas party which included the Golden Hour Club was enjoyed by many city officials and residents Dec. 21. State Rep. Tom Kelly (D-Wayne) also took part in the festivities at the Wayne Community Center. MCN photo by Kimberly Woloskie

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# MCN COMMUNITY Calendar

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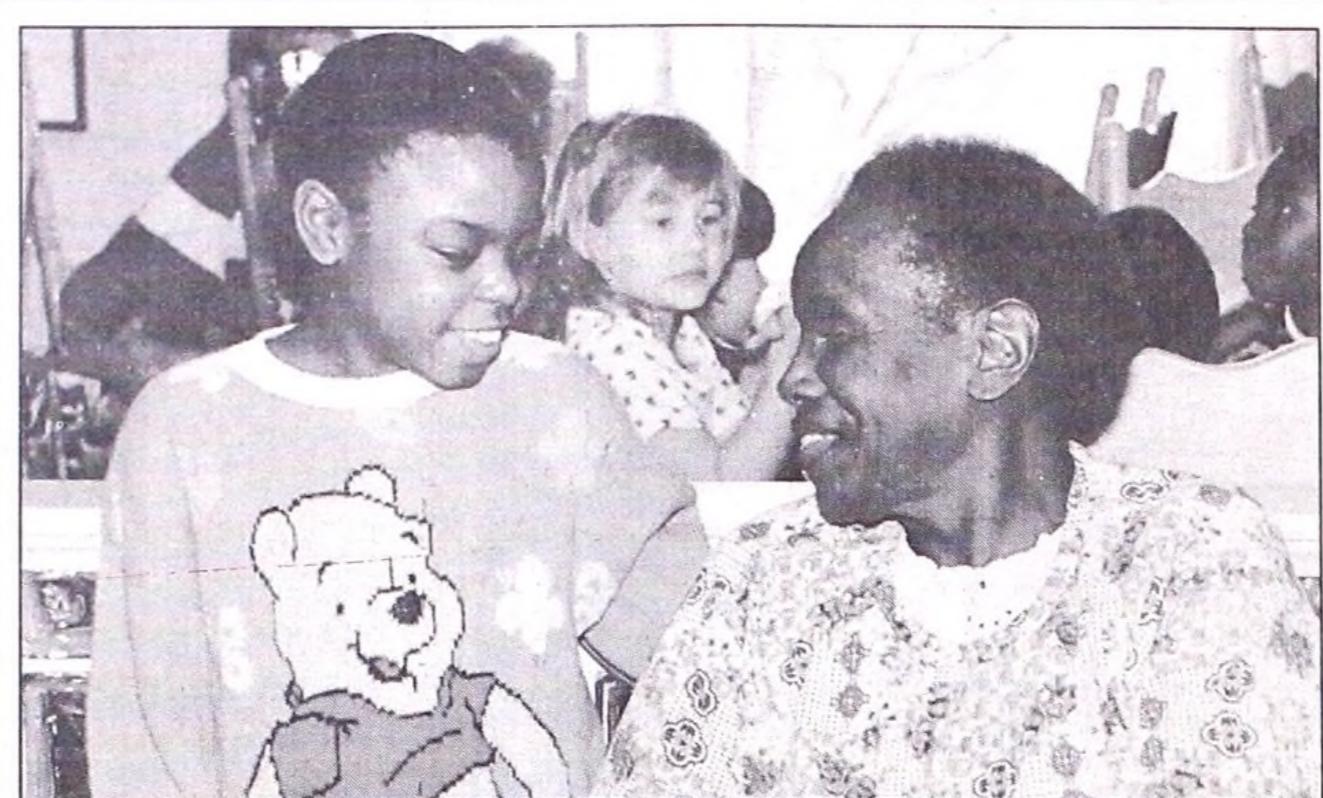
## CLUBS, GROUPS

**WOLVERINE DOG TRAINING CLUB**--is a non-profit organization registered with the State of Michigan (#798258). The club offers classes for beginner obedience as well as Puppy Headstart programs. Classes are scheduled Tuesday and Wednesday evenings starting Jan. 9 and 10. For more information call 476-8650.

**GOLDEN HOUR CLUB** in Wayne enjoys cards, travel, friends and fun. A pot luck luncheon/business meeting takes place 10:30 a.m. every Thursday for seniors 55 years old and older. For more information call the Wayne Senior Services Office at 721-7460.

**SOMETIMES TRAVELLERS** offers travel to very unique places with old and new friends. All the details of the various excursions are taken care of by the Wayne Senior Services Office. For information on the next trips or to join Sometimes Travellers call 721-7460.

**A CHILD NEEDS YOU**--Vista Maria is looking for responsible adults who can provide a teenage girl with a loving, nurturing home and assist her growing successfully toward adulthood. The Vista Maria Specialized Foster Care Program offers a unique, innovative approach to providing a family environment to teenage girls, ages 11-17. If you would like more information about becoming a foster parent in the Vista Maria Foster Care Program, please



## New friends

Vandenbergh Elementary students recently enjoyed an afternoon of cookies and milk with their new senior friends at the Leisure Village in Wayne. MCN photo by Kimberly Woloskie

call Kim-Garrett-Gorree, at 271-3050, ext. 115.

**YOUNG WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS**--Starting Over is an ongoing support group sponsored by the Arbor Hospice for men and women approximately 45 and under who have lost their spouse or fiance' to death. The group shares experiences and issues at all different stages in the grieving process. Meet others with similar experiences, and when ready, join in a wide variety of social activities, some including children. The group meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Christian Missionary Alliance Church in Madison Heights at 7 p.m. For further information call the Arbor Hospice bereavement department at (313) 677-0500 or (800) 783-5764.

**CHADD**--of Northwest Wayne County meets the first Thursday of each month at the Livonia Civic Cen-

ter Library, 32777 5 Mile Road, located two blocks east of the Farmington and 5 Mile Road intersection. CHADD is a non-profit, parent-based organization formed to better the lives of individuals with attention disorders and those who care for them. The meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. and will be a rap and discussion group. Registration begins at 7:00 p.m. The CHADD information line is (810) 380-0847.

**THE LEARNING DISABILITY ASSOCIATION**--has formed a new group in the area. Any persons with an interest in Attention Deficit Disorder or Learning Disabilities, may have an interest in attending the meeting. For more information about the organizations or the next scheduled meeting call 941-4249 or 941-7330.

**RED CROSS OFFERS PRE-MARITAL**--health counseling to help couples meet the state require-

ments for a marriage license. Michigan law mandates premarital counseling so that engaged couples learn about sexually transmitted diseases and HIV/AIDS prior to marriage. The hour-long session is taught by a Red Cross-certified instructor at service centers throughout the tri-county area. The \$12 fee benefits other Red Cross services in southeastern Michigan. For further information and to make reservations call (810) 967-0336.

**THE CIVIC AIR PATROL**--squadron at Willow Run Airport meets 6:30 p.m. Tuesday evenings. Membership is open to youths 13 to 18 years old and adults. For more information call 313-529-5732.

**PLYMOUTH-CANTON JAY-CEES**--will meet at 8 p.m. the fourth Thursday of every month at the Plymouth Cultural Center. For further information, phone 453-8407.

## CITY OF WAYNE ABSTRACT

### WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 95-44 DECEMBER 19, 1995

Regular meeting of the City Council held December 19 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. All members present. Approved minutes of regular meeting held December 5. The presentation of a resolution to the owners of the Garden Patch Restaurant for Thanksgiving dinners served to the community free of charge will be delivered to them as they were unable to attend. Mr. Daryl Jordan of Service Employees International Union Local 79 encouraged Council to support HB 4441 & SB 415. Approved Site Plans: Small Moves, 4436 Walker St.; West Side Motors, 3445 Mildred St.; Wayne Family Restaurant, 3705 Metro Place Center. Awarded bids for Kitchen Cabinet and Vinyl Window Replacement for the Public Housing Division; Fire Department Rescue Tool; 1996 Fire Department Vehicle; Repairs to the Elevator Pit at the 29th District Court; Snow Removal from City-Owned Parking Lots and Sidewalks. Held first reading of Municipal Civil Infraction amendments to Ordinances 412.20, Occupant Restraint Usage; and 412.21, Mandatory Child Restraints. Held second reading and adopted the following Municipal Civil Infraction Ordinances: Penalties & Probation; License Plates Required; Inoperable Vehicles; Littering & Handbills; Amplified Sound Systems; Peace Disturbances; Strobe Lights Near Streets; Possession or Use of Tobacco Products; Casual Sales & Enforcement; Parks & Recreation; Amendment to Permitted Accessory Uses; Off-Street Parking & Loading; Ordinance 608, Municipal Civil Infractions; Ordinance 609, Municipal Civil Infractions Bureau. Accepted resignation of Mayor Pro Tem Phillips as liaison to Zoning Board of Appeals; Citizens Advisory Council for Housing and Community Development Acts Projects; Planning Commission. Appointed: Councilwoman Dobrowolski as liaison to the Zoning Board of Appeals; Councilman Powell as liaison to the Planning Commission, Festival Commission and Citizens Advisory Council for Housing and Community Development Acts Projects; Celestine Sanders to the Housing Commission to fill unexpired term of Patricia Henke to March 1998. APPROVED: Scheduling of regular Council meeting for January 3, 1996 at 8:00 p.m.; Payment of annual participation fee to the Township of Northville for the Western Wayne Special Operation Team; Resolution designating Gary Clark, Ramzi El-Gharib and Thomas MacDonald as representatives to sign permits to work within state trunkline rights-of-way; Additional design fees for the Senior Activity Center; Change Order #1(Final) for the 1995 Resurfacing and Bridge Repair Project; Amendment to the contract with Barton Malow for additional services for the renovation of the library into a Senior Services Center; Settlement of worker compensation redemption in the amount of \$10,000.00. Deferred to January 3 the Professional Services Agreement with Jane Prochaska, Inc. for the updating of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan. Received and filed communications, reports and consent calendar. Adjourned 8:45 p.m.

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Doris A. Nall, City Clerk

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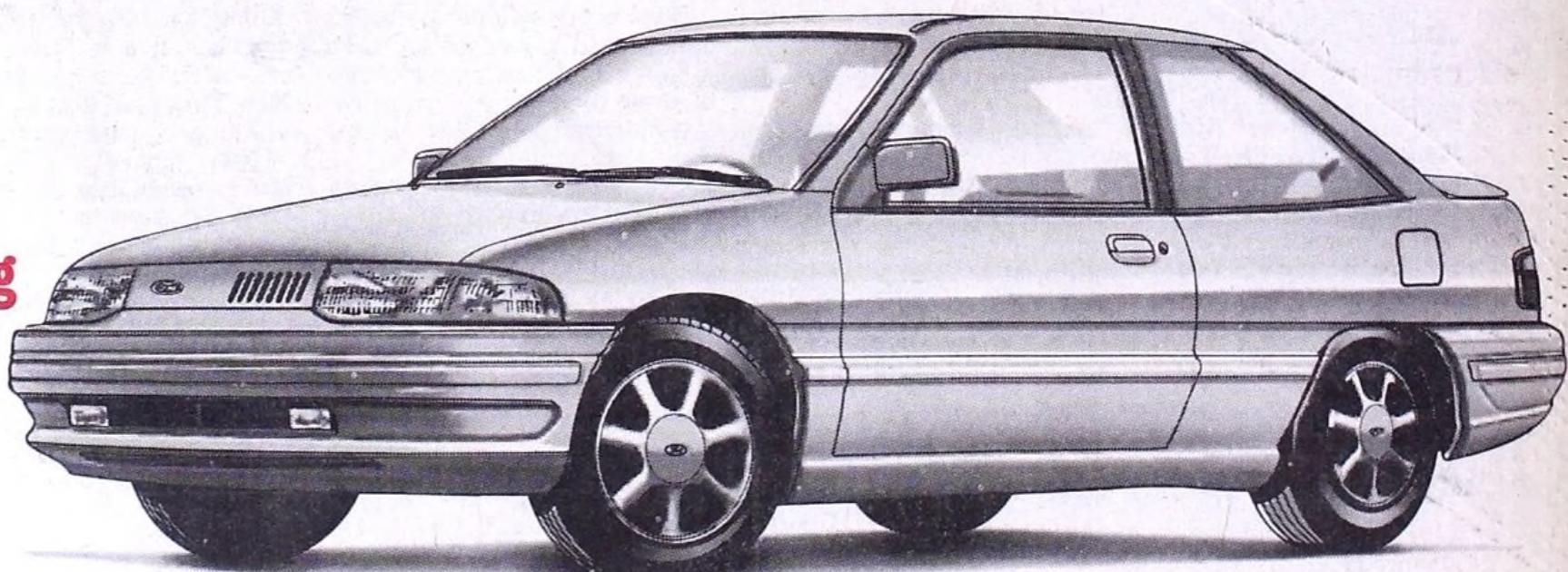
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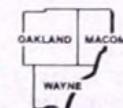
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# ROMULUS NEWS DIGEST

## Slippery man still in jail

A slippery 21-year-old Pleasant Ridge man, who repeatedly escaped from authorities, is now awaiting trial on charges of illegally driving a motor vehicle and escape from police authorities.

Police said Deshawn Williams was first arrested back on Nov. 22, 1993, when he reportedly attempted to steal a car near the Marriott Hotel on Flynn Drive.

He was arraigned before 34th District Court Judge William Szlinas the next day, but after having a follow-up hearing on Dec. 1 of that year, escaped from authorities after slipping out of his handcuffs.

He was recaptured on Jan. 25, of this year on an escape warrant and was re-arraigned and placed in the Wayne County Jail, where he was mistakenly released by jail authorities.

Then on Nov. 20, Oak Park police arrested him again and on Nov. 29 he appeared before 34th Court Judge Henry Zaborowski. Williams waived an examination on the illegal driving charge and demanded that he have a jury trial.

Romulus police later found him trying to dig his way out of his police cell and claimed he hurt himself in the process. He was treated at Annapolis Hospital for the injuries.

Finally about 7:50 a.m. Dec. 6, Williams and three other prisoners were transported to Romulus Police headquarters. As authorities opened the jail wagon door, Williams jumped and fled after once again slipping out of his cuffs.

A swift search of the local neighborhood began and Williams was once again found about six blocks away, as he was attempting to hide under a pile of pine trees.

He was rearraigned on a series of three felony escape and habitual offender charges and ordered held on \$20,000 cash bond.

A most recent check reported that he was still in the Wayne County Jail.

## City Christmas party is success

Between 75 and 100 city employees attended a recent Romulus City Hall Christmas Party that ultimately led to holiday gifts being donated to a needy city family.

Willie Hester of the Department of Public Works said the party was conducted at the Romulus Civic League building the night of Dec. 15. Those attending enjoyed holiday style foods and music, Hester said, and later donated boxes of food and a fully groomed Christmas tree to a local family.

## City basketball coaches needed

The Romulus Recreation Department is in need of coaches for its youth (third to sixth grade) basketball program this winter.

The part-time jobs take place on Saturdays and pays \$5.50 an hour, a recreation department spokesman said.

## Students decorate candy houses

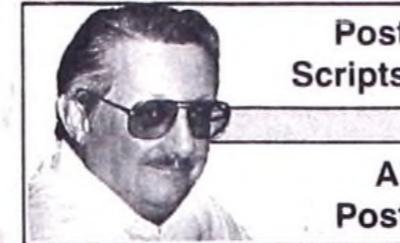
Pretzel fences, shredded wheat roofs, graham cracker doors and marshmallow lawns were just some of the unique decorating styles used in the classrooms of Robbie Orme and Laura Smith's classes prior to the holidays.

The teachers at Merriman Elementary School said the decorating project culminated in the Sweet Tooth theme of a holiday reading class.

Parents, aunts, grandmothers and godparents were on hand to assist, after the half gallon milk cartons were anchored on cardboard and painted with frosting. Each student supplied the edibles they wanted to use.

The "good enough to eat" village was on display at the school for a week, before the students took their calorie rich building home for the holidays.

# 'Breath of fresh air coming'



**Post  
Scripts**  
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With New Year's Day only four days away, many are hoping that the new Chief Judge of the 34th District Court Tina Brooks Green can live up to the "breath of fresh air" image many people are forecasting for her.

Green broke precedent for the 34th District Court a little over a year ago, as she overwhelmingly won a judicial seat by besting incumbent Judge Felix Rogalle in every precinct of the five community court district.

She has proved to be a very open judge both on and off the bench in her first year and has impressed many with her candor and judicial style while talking before citizen's groups.

Unlike many judges across the Metro area she talks openly with the press, without harboring any personal prejudices with the media or any other forces in today's society.

The Michigan Supreme Court openly realizes courts across the state need a new image and took on the responsibility itself to name the chief judges for 1996-97, who will "increase the accountability and responsiveness to fostering consistent judicial services in all courts."

The top court also surprisingly named several first term judges, including Green and Dearborn Height's Judge Mark J. Plawski, to instill this new feeling.

In the past the individual courts selected their own chief judges, leading many in the communities they served to call it the "good ol' boy system."

Green is setting another 34th District Court precedent by being the first female chief judge. She also realizes that the 34th District Court needs to improve its image in the community, partially because of past financial clouds there and partially because of the gen-

eral suspicion the public has for any branch of government today.

When told of why the Supreme Court selected her and others as chief justices, Green said she is proud of that designation.

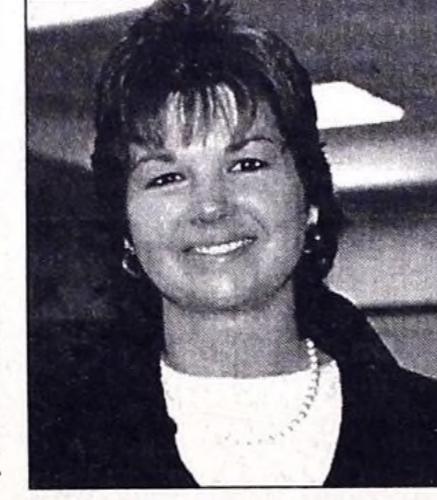
"You may not like some of the things I will say in the coming year, but I will never bore you with the term 'no comment,'" she told this writer.

We in the press are happy to hear such a vow, but unfortunately have heard it made before and then found the pledge was ignored.

However, we are willing to believe the incoming chief judge seriously plans to keep that pledge.

But at the same time we know that it will take the chemistry of her fellow judges, the 34th District staff itself and the public to see that it does happen for two years (the length of her reign as top local judge).

We welcome that approach and will be more than willing



Judge Tina Green

to open doors for the judiciary to the public as well as the reverse.

Better communication is the key tool we all have to improve our local society. Each of us has a responsibility to perform if it is indeed to occur.

Just when you think that the words "thank you" have been stricken from our vocabulary, someone steps up and proves you wrong.

In the past few weeks, this writer found few thank yous exhibited in the political community of Romulus.

It partly may have been caused by the sensitiveness created by the mayoral recount that put many persons on edge and others scurrying from the Romulus political scene.

But it was refreshing to see a Romulus High School student Scott Smith going out of his way to say thank you to the press for its comments on student involvement in the recent candidates' night.

It reminded me of a message I offered two decades ago, when I stated "America must first have faith in its youth, if it expects its youth to have faith in America."

Along with that theme I believe it may be time to appoint non-voting representatives from both the teen-age and senior citizen sections of our community to speak before the council at least once a month on the needs and concerns of their age group.

Each age group today needs a voice at City Hall and naming non-political youth and senior citizen representatives could help restore some of those communication voids.

I conclude the year of 1995 with a brief toot to its heroes and by stating I want to wish all the readers of the *Romulus Roman* a happy and healthy 1996.

"I saw some beautiful clothes on a doll that was about the same size as Hannah," Paula said, "so I bought the doll and switched the clothes to her during the Christmas holiday."

"In addition a church member gave her an angel's dress and halo," the devoted mother revealed. "She looked really cute wearing it, so we took some photos."

The doctors are still working hard to get Hannah to add some additional weight, Paula said, so that she can finally leave the hospital and move into her Romulus home.

Nurses chide Paula for her almost round-the-clock visits to her daughter's bedside.

Sprinkle received the heart while at a Pittsburgh hospital and today is walking on a treadmill at home to build up the strength of his other body organs.

Recently he was forced to undergo some open chest surgery to repair some old sutures in an effort to ward off any chance of infection.

With renewed strength, Chuck and Pat now have the opportunity to go out to restaurants for meals and to rent movies for viewing at home.

Susan said, a massive 18-wheeler bearing Burger King products pulled up and the soldiers were fed hamburgers and other tasty foods off the back of the huge truck.

Susan who was a member of the National Honor Society, Students Against Drunk Drivers unit, varsity tennis team, hopes to attend college after her Army days and study English and/or political science.

She also was a football and basketball cheerleader for the Eagles teams.

At the conclusion of the interview, Susan's father was asked, "What do you think of the Christmas visit?"

Kreft beamed and said you can tell everyone, "It's the first time I got a present from the U.S. Army."

Shortly after arriving there,



## Santa's helper

Young Stephanie Clemons, a Romulus High School senior, helped Santa Claus shortly after he arrived in Romulus to light the Christmas tree at Historical Park. More than 125 youngsters and their parents attended the tree lighting, another 150 visited Wick Elementary School later for many holiday goodies and drinks. MCN photo by Carl Brown

# Inaugural ball planned Jan. 27

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

Festivities galore will be exhibited on Jan. 27, as Mayor William Oakley and all other recently elected city officials will be honored at the 13th Romulus Inaugural Ball.

Chairman Ron Hopson said the reception hour for the entertaining evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the International Ballroom of the Royce Hotel, 3100 Wick Road.

In addition to Oakley, city officials who will be cited at the dinner will include City Clerk Linda Choate, City Treasurer James Naporkowski and Council members Mary Collins, William Crova, Randolph Gear, Michael Prybyla, Jimmie Raspberry, Deborah Romak and William Wadsworth.

The evening's activities will include a dinner, beginning at 7:30 p.m., and music for dancing.



ing supplied by a disc jockey until about midnight, Hopson said.

Tickets for the dinner dance cost \$35 each and can be obtained by contacting Rita McLenon in the mayor's office at 942-7572.

# Keep high energy foods in your home

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

With winter now officially here, area residents are reminded it is time to keep homes and vehicles ready for snow or deep freeze emergencies.

Margaret LeDuc, coordinator of emergency management in Romulus, states that homes should be stocked up with canned and non-perishable food items that have high energy values, such as peanut butter and raisins.

Ample supplies of drinking water and medicine also should be on hand and well-balanced meals should be consumed as often as possible.

Area residents, particularly the young and elderly, should pace their outdoor activities and wear layers of clothing.

A thermos with a warm beverage should be nearby, when working or playing out of doors, LeDuc stressed, and warm hats or caps and gloves should be worn during extreme weather periods.

Residents are also warned that cars and trucks should be carefully tuned during these cold weather periods and survival kits should include flares, shovels, salt, first aid kits, blankets and boots.

Motorists also should listen to reports on weather forecasts and traffic conditions.

## Cabs

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coming back," John Dunn of the Detroit Metro Airport Taxicab Association said.

McNamara continued, "We wanted to improve that first impression many convention delegates, business and plea-

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# New Year's Eve Fun Walk, Run featured at Belle Isle race course

By MARGO DEWEY  
MCN News Editor

From live theatre productions to art exhibits, entertainment in Wayne and Oakland counties continues to expand to provide something for every member of the family.

The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre, Marcel Marceau and the Dance Theatre of Harlem all take center stage at the beautifully restored Music Hall in the spring.

Several family workshops are now available at the Detroit Institute of Arts for children and adults of all ages.

The following is a list of the many theatres, exhibitions and special presentations lined up for 1995-1996.

#### FISHER THEATRE

• Big- Feb. 13-March 10-at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit. Director Mike Ockrent teams with Tony Award choreographer Susan Stroman and music director Paul Gemignani to bring the heartwarming and amusing tale of the young boy who wishes to be big to the stage.

This will be the only engagement for the \$10 million production prior to its April 1996 Broadway opening at the Shubert Theatre in New York City. For tickets call 810-645-6666 or for show times call 313-872-1000.

#### THE MASONIC TEMPLE THEATRE

• Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat-now through Jan. 28 at The Masonic Temple Theatre in Detroit. This unique production, with lyrics by Tim Rice and music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, is a joyous, tune-filled musical retelling of the familiar Biblical yarn of Joseph and his 11 brothers at the time of the Pharaoh.

Andrew Lloyd Webber's production of Joseph premiered at the world-renowned London Palladium June 12, 1981, and was given its North American premiere by LIVENT at Toronto's Elgin Theatre in June 1992. For tickets call 810-645-6666.

• Disney's Beauty and the Beast arrives at The Masonic Temple March 19 for a limited engagement. Audiences are sure to enjoy the same full-length Broadway musical, complete with spectacular production numbers, elaborate costumes and unforgettable songs, that have been wowing Broadway audiences since the show opened in New York.

With technical wizardry and imaginative design, Beauty and the Beast is transferred from screen to stage enhancing the elements that made the animated film a favorite around the world.

For tickets call 810-645-6666.

#### THE PALACE THEATRE

• Nutcracker on Ice starring Peggy Fleming, Nicole Bobek, Todd Eldredge with special guest Brian Orser Dec. 22 at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

This unforgettable show will dazzle audiences of all

ages with the elegant performance by Fleming and the energetic presence of Bobek and Eldredge. Tickets can be purchased by calling 810-645-6666.

#### PONTIAC SILVERDOME

• Camper, Travel and RV Show Jan. 24-28 at the Pontiac Silverdome. Everything a family needs for the outdoors can be found at this show. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

#### • Boat, Sport and Fishing Show

Feb. 14-18 at the Pontiac Silverdome. Water enthusiasts will find everything over and under the aqua for fishing and watersports. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

#### • Michigan Home and Garden Show

Feb. 29-March 3 at the Pontiac Silverdome. A wide variety of home and garden items will be on display with experts waiting to offer helpful tips for garden and home enthusiasts. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

#### MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

• The Museum of African American History presents "A Slave Ship Speaks: The Wreck of the Henrietta Marie" sponsored by General Motors now through March 15, 1996.

The exhibition will focus on the Henrietta Marie, the most complete slave ship ever discovered in the western hemisphere and the only one to be fully identified, recorded, archaeologically examined and preserved.

The Museum of African American History is located at 301 Frederick Douglass in Detroit. To book a tour call 313-833-9800.

#### SECOND CITY

• A gift certificate this holiday season to Second City makes a great gift any time. Available in any denomination, a Second City gift certificate can be used for tickets to a fabulous revue such as the critically acclaimed Whiteman Rafting or the Second City Touring Company's The Best of Second City.

For show times and ticket prices call 313-965-2222.

#### ROYAL OAK MUSIC THEATRE

• Now celebrating its 10th Nutcracker season, the Oakland Festival Ballet Co., a non-profit organization founded and directed by Cornelia Sampson, will stage 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. performances of the holiday classic Dec. 16-17 at the Royal Oak Music Theatre.

Tickets are available at all Ticket Master Outlets or at the box office located at 318 west Fourth Street, Royal Oak. For ticket prices call 810-546-7610.

#### GEM THEATRE

• The packages have long since been unwrapped. Their contents broken or forgotten. The nights are long, dark and cold. The Gem Theatre offers a guaranteed way to warm winter evenings-a cold blooded murder.

Gift certificates this holiday season are available for the hilarious whodunit Shear Madness at the Gem Theatre now through Dec. 31. To purchase tickets or gift certificates call

313-963-9800.

#### DETROIT PUBLIC LIBRARY

• "Fabulous Fabric Fatale," "Airedaleabilia" and "African American Quilter" are a few of the displays in this year's "Detroiters Collect" exhibit at the Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward Ave., now through Jan. 6, 1996.

Now in its 11th year, "Detroiters Collect" gives area residents a view of the fascinating and sometimes unique collections that exist in the metropolitan area. For tickets call or exhibition times call 833-4042.

#### DETROIT EDISON FAMILY FUN WALK

• The Detroit Edison 26th New Year's Eve Family Fun Run/Walk hosted by the Downtown Runners and Belle Isle Runners takes place 3:30 p.m. Dec. 31 on the Grand Prix race course on Belle Isle near the casino.

The event includes a one-mile run/walk for children 12 years old and younger. Trophies will be given to the following: open one mile run/walk; four mile run with first 500 runners receiving a special award; four mile competitive walk with first 50 receiving a special award; and four mile fitness walk with finishers receiving a commemorative award.

## CITY OF INKSTER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF INKSTER, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

THE CITY OF INKSTER PLANNING COMMISSION HAS SCHEDULED A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER VACATING (CLOSING) THE PUBLIC ALLEY LOCATED NORTH OF CARLYLE, EXTENDING BETWEEN WALNUT AND HARRISON. THE PUBLIC HEARING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 1996 AT 7:30 P.M. THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE CITY OF INKSTER RECREATION COMPLEX, 2025 INKSTER ROAD, INKSTER, MICHIGAN 48141.



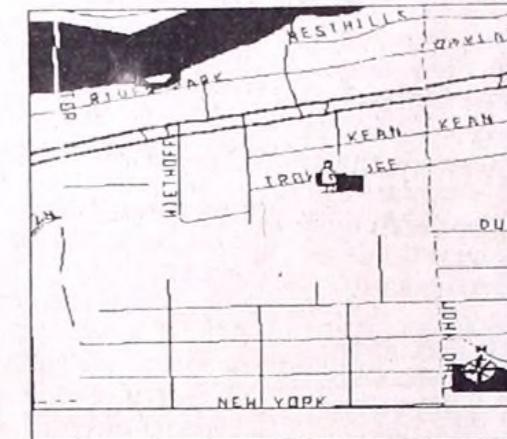
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LAWRENCE CHASTANG  
CITY OF INKSTER  
PLANNING COMMISSION

## CITY OF INKSTER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF INKSTER, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, PURSUANT TO ACT 207 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, FOR 1921 AS AMENDED, THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE CITY OF INKSTER'S PLANNING COMMISSION ON MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 1996 AT 7:30 P.M. THE PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IS TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR SCS GROUP, L.C. FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2642 PRINCESS FOR A PROPOSED EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE FACILITY. THE PROPOSED PROJECT IS A SPECIAL CONDITIONS USE IN THE M-1, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, PER SECTION 155.045(C)(4), AS AMENDED, OF THE CITY ORDINANCE NO. 277 (CITY ZONING CODE).

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## CITY OF INKSTER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF INKSTER, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

THE CITY OF INKSTER PLANNING COMMISSION HAS SCHEDULED A PUBLIC HEARING, AS REQUESTED BY WAYNE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE ENGINEERING DIVISION, TO CONSIDER VACATING (CLOSING) THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC STREETS:

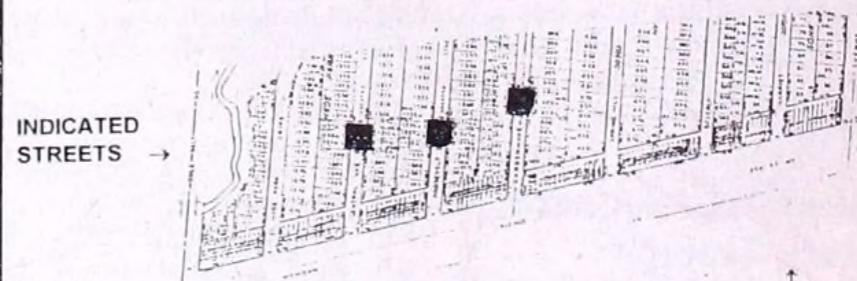
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THAT PORTION OF GARDEN (PLATTED AS EASTERN AVENUE IN HYDE PARK SUBDIVISION NO. 1 (L. 57, p. 24, WCR) ABUTTING LOTS 1377 & 1378, THE SOUTH 21 FEET OF LOT 1376 AND THE NORTH 9 FEET OF LOT 1379.

THAT PORTION OF ROOSEVELT AVENUE IN HYDE PARK SUBDIVISION NO. 1 (L. 57, p. 24, WCR) ABUTTING LOTS 1336, 1337, 1346 & 1347, THE SOUTH 8 FEET OF LOT 1335, THE NORTH 22 FEET OF LOT 1338 AND THE SOUTH 30 FEET OF LOT 1348.

THAT PORTION OF CENTRAL AVENUE IN HYDE PARK SUBDIVISION NO. 1 (L. 57, p. 24, WCR) ABUTTING LOTS 1298, 1299, 1311 & 1312, THE SOUTH 30 FEET OF LOT 1297, THE SOUTH 11.5 FEET OF LOT 1313 AND THE NORTH 18.5 FEET OF LOT 1310.

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## CITY OF ROMULUS PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised, that the City of Romulus Planning Commission has scheduled a Public Hearing to be held Wednesday, January 17, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485. The purpose of the meeting is to consider a request for PC #052-12-95, the rezoning of lots 142-144, and lots 152-154, Taylor Road Subdivision, from C-1 (Local Business) to C-3 (Highway Service) for a Valvoline Oil Change.



All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, January 17, 1996 and should be addressed to David J. Paul, Director of Building, Safety and Engineering at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan

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## Freedom of speech, right or wrong

One of the rights that American value most highly is the freedom of speech.

Guaranteed in the Bill of Rights, the privilege to express our views or to criticize the government, its representatives and issues that affect our lives is truly a right to be cherished.

Still, there are limits, such as the classic example, "your right to free speech doesn't extend to shouting 'fire' in a crowded theater."

There seems to be a more subtle abuse of that right creeping into the council chambers, school board meeting areas and township halls – filibustering, not by elected officials but by citizens.

Most of the local communities have a portion of the agenda designated for citizens' comments, and those who choose to speak at this point are reminded that there is a limit of two, three or five minutes for each speaker.

However, increasingly we have heard long, rambling speeches by citizens who extend their allocated time by four or five times the stated limit.

We believe this is an abuse of the purpose of allowing citizen participation. The reason that a citizens' forum is part of the public meeting is to allow brief comments on various issues from a number of individuals. Specific problems or concerns that call for long, detailed explanations could be presented to department heads, supervisors or elected officials at any time, either in person or by letter.

The citizens' forum was not intended to be a platform for public speaking, political oration or rambling commentaries, but it appears that is what has become in many communities.

One of the most destructive aspects of the individuals who monopolize the citizens' forums is that they discourage participation by others – instead of allowing more citizens input, the forums have become the platform for one or two individuals in each community to the chagrin of the audiences, many of whom have been observed leaving the meetings during the long orations.

We encourage the freedom of speech for all, not to be monopolized by the few.

## Road aid 'shared'

*To the editor:*

Recently, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and Governor Engler announced the three-year redirection of \$64 million per year in federal aid. This action represents an investment decision to meet the needs of over 300,000 motorists per day. This redirection announcement was met with allegations that local government could not plow snow or fill potholes.

Wrong. Federal aid cannot be spent on snow plowing or pothole filling. These funds are for capital improvements only.

Michigan is more than generous with sharing federal aid. We are the only state to "share" federal aid with independent road commissions. As a matter of fact, in 1992, Michigan spent more than three times the national average on local roads.

Additionally, federal law neither requires sharing nor direction of federal aid to local road jurisdictions. However, it does require a small amount of funding be invested in bridges and urbanized areas, and we more than meet these requirements.

The redirected federal aid represents about 5 percent of Wayne County's 1995 total transportation funding. This does not change the need to set local transportation priorities

and make decisions locally. MDOT will continue the long-established dialogue with local officials and residents to establish priorities for Michigan's federal aid transportation projects and fulfill federal requirements.

Michigan's state roads carry 53 percent of all traffic and 80 percent of the commercial traffic that keeps Michigan working. It makes sense to meet the needs of the majority of our customers first.

The real issues here are those of change - acceptance of responsibility and establishment of priorities to meet customer needs. Times are changing and so are customer needs. If we continue to do what we have always done, we will continue to get what we have always gotten, deteriorating roads and bridges and increased congestion. I do not believe this is what our customers want.

Patrick M. Nowak,  
Director

## Child wants business cards

*To the editor:*

I have been asked to participate in an effort by the Children's Make-A-Wish Foundation to make a wish come true for Craig Sherford.

Craig is only seven years old and is suffering from terminal cancer. His greatest desire is to make the Guinness Book of Records for the largest collec-

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tion of business cards assembled by a single person. I am positive that Craig would greatly appreciate it if you would do as I have done and send one of your business cards to the following address:

Craig Sherford  
Children's Make-A-Wish Foundation  
82 Perimeter Center East  
Atlanta, Georgia 30346

Send your list to at least 10 companies so that this process can grow. Please remember, in this case, time is important.

Ann Wilcox Fox  
AR Professional Services

## Council asked to cooperate

*To the editor:*

As a concerned citizen of Inkster, I am respectfully requesting that the council start off the New Year minus their baggage of personal vendettas. By that I mean there are certain council members acting contrary to the city's best interest in favor of acting out of their personal likes and dislikes.

Understandably, people will have their personal likes and dislikes, however we expect our council members to behave more maturely and objectively when it comes to acting on behalf of the city at large.

If a council member can not table his own personal likes and dislikes when it comes to city business, they should resign and call it a day/night.

In case it is not clear what is being referred to, let me clarify somewhat what has inspired this request. At the last council meeting Dec. 18, 1995, a matter was tabled on a technicality that surfaced only because it allowed for the continuation of a personality clash of the parties involved. The matter being referred to is The Southwest Block Club's attempt to purchase a dilapidated building on Harrison Ave. A building that has been vacant for nearly ten years. A building that has been for sale by the city for over four years. A building that the Southwest Block Club was offering to pay the full asking price for. A building that will have to be torn down at city expense if not sold.

The Southwest Block Club has demonstrated its' resolve and commitment by renovating "trashed properties" and putting them back on the tax roles. And on that basis and that basis alone it should be judged, not on the basis of some individual's like or dislike. Because if our city is being managed on the basis of petty likes, dislikes and vendettas, the renaissance that we are expecting will not mate-

rialize, but rather be choked by the root of pettiness.

I implore upon each of you to enter the New Year with a new spirit of cooperation letting bygones be bygones in the best interest of the city. This way we can build a great city by building bridges between people.

We must work together if our city is going to realize its potential. And we have elected you to serve our collective best interest in pursuit of that achievement.

Robert J. Hayes  
Inkster

## Estate tax relief sought

*To the editor:*

Over the past several weeks I have followed with much interest the news accounts of the budget negotiations in Washington. In the midst of the political debate, it appears that our representatives have forgotten the true purpose of the federal budget which is to protect the well being of our nation and thereby keep businesses alive and well in our communities.

To small, closely-held, family farms and businesses there is nothing more important than estate tax relief.

Southview, Inc., a wholesale floral products company, was started in 1931 by my parents on the edge of Chelsea, Mich.

My wife and I became owners in 1965 and in 1977 our

two oldest sons joined the business and our youngest son in 1985 when they finished their education. When in 1981 we relocated our family business to Romulus, there were 14 people on the payroll, myself included. Fourteen years later there are 70 employees. Most of this growth has been the direct result of long hours, hard work, and management style of our sons.

This is important since I began easing back when they joined the business and have fully retired from day to day operations three and one half years ago. As you can see estate taxes will tax them more on their own abilities than on true inheritance. They should not have to inherit their own endeavors.

My wife and I have tried to carefully plan for the day when the business is completely passed along to our sons. But we continue to wonder if we have planned well enough or if Uncle Sam will acquire a large portion of the business through estate taxes.

A recent Gallup Poll indicates that nearly a third of small business owners will have to sell outright or liquidate a part of their company to pay estate taxes. I would hate to think that all the effort that has gone into creating new jobs at Southview will be wiped out because the estate taxes are so overwhelming.

See LETTERS, page A-7

## FOOTNOTES: What is your best Christmas memory?



Holly McCollaugh  
Wayne

"My father promised to take me to Santa Claus land when I was a little girl. He painted a picture for me."



Helen Stack  
Westland

"My best Christmas memory happens every time when I am with my children and family."



Delphine Schroeder  
Wayne

"This Christmas is going to be my best Christmas memory because my daughter is coming home for the first time after 18 years."



Florence Stephens  
Wayne

"Any time my family is with me, Christmas is wonderful."

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am concerned that the effort, hard work and dedication put into the company by me, my wife, our three sons and our employees will be for naught and that the actual beneficiary of our efforts will not be the city of Romulus and surrounding communities, but will be the United States Treasury.

Small business estate tax relief is not about corporate welfare, it is about keeping businesses and jobs in our communities.

When the final version of the federal budget is crafted I hope that our legislators in Washington remember the small businesses which are the heart and soul of countless cities and towns across America. Remember these businesses and provide estate tax relief for small, closely held family businesses and farms.

James F. Gaunt  
Romulus

### School system labeled 'best'

To the editor:

I am writing this letter because I am so saddened to see the people of Belleville and Van Buren Township would allow their community to fall apart rather than support their school system.

We are a transient family and moved into Belleville this summer. My husband's company moves us around often. My children range in age from 14 to 28. We have lived in many states and experienced many school systems, so I feel I can speak with some authority.

The Van Buren School System (Belleville High School in particular) is the BEST we've seen. Until this bond issue came up I thought the community really supported their schools.

I want to address some of the issues I hear in every school district in every state.

Those who are trying to justify their NO vote use the argument that the schools have plenty of money, they just need to spend it better. The obvious answer to such a statement is to get involved with the school system. Too many people complain but are unwilling to put forth any effort to improve the situation. (Imagine if your boss said you have plenty of money, you just need to spend it better).

People tend to think teachers (and this is also true of firemen and policemen) make plenty of money. Our children's lives, their futures and how they will run this world in the future DEPENDS on our teachers. Some of the very best teachers are out there working in other jobs because they can make more money. I commend those men and women who are out there struggling to help our children because they believe in what they do.

My husband and I were recently having dinner in a restaurant in Belleville and I

heard a man telling his companions that the schools think they need a computer in every section when all they really need is four walls and a text book. To that man I would say, you are living in a dream world. Your pension, social security or payroll check come to you by direct deposit by computer. But computers are only as good as the people who run them. Wouldn't you like to know that the people who are responsible for getting your check to you know that they are doing? Computers run our automobiles, telephones, banks, cash registers, postal system, microwave ovens, televisions, national defense system and just about anything else you can think of. Anyone who thinks we can get along without them is not being realistic.

And then there are the elderly, who can't afford to pay more on a fixed income. My heart goes out to them, but if they really think about it, they can't afford not to help the schools. Soon our high school seniors will be entering the job market, then our juniors and so on. The better prepared they are to get good paying jobs, the more money they will be paying into the social security system so the elderly can continue to receive benefits.

Let me explain what happens when a school system's bond/levy fails. These things don't happen the first time it fails or the second, BUT they start happening fast when it fails the third time.

Schools are forced to lay off teachers. Extra activities such as sports, band and various clubs are either cut out altogether or parents are forced to pay hundreds of dollars to participate. Soon, the people who can afford to move away, sell their homes and move somewhere else to pay taxes in a better school district. It doesn't take long for property values to start dropping because those children would rather move to areas with good schools. Even if you offer good jobs, they will live somewhere else, pay taxes there and drive to work.

The next problem to deal with is vandalism, assaults, robbery, drugs, etc. The kids and young adults who are left having nothing constructive to do are left with low self-esteem and hopelessness. They are the ones who eventually destroy property, attack innocent people and drive away the few good families who are left.

The kids who participate in sports, band and all the other school sponsored activities are not just having fun at taxpayers expense. They work very hard, they practice every day. They are learning a sense of commitment, discipline, teamwork, honor, compassion and community appreciation they can't learn anywhere else.

When we have to move to a new area, the first thing we look for is a school with a good music department. We've found that any school with a good music department has good academics as well. A community that supports it's

school's music program is a community that cares about all aspects of education. Only after we have found a good school system do we look for a place to live within its district. That is how we found Belleville.

Ask the people of Belleville and Van Buren Township to take another look before things I've seen happen in other places happen here. There is still time, but don't delay.

Every community is only as good as its school system!

Deborah M. Hume  
Belleville

### Recipe for health

To the editor:

I am an American female in my 40's. I have had much reason in my life to pray to Our Creator since I have had many trials. I have found that trials and sufferings can bestow on the bearer much love for the heavenly grandeur.

I pray for the many forms of suffering and sickness around our globe. Just for instance, I read that 86 million Americans suffer from chronic daily pain. A certain knowledge has come into my heart that I would like to share with your readership ...

Last year I had a root canal done on a tooth. When the numbness wore off, I had excruciating pain. A girlfriend

telephoned me and asked about my dental work. Something made me try an experiment I had been toying with in my mind. I told my friend that my dentist was the greatest. I told a white lie and kept bragging how wonderful my tooth felt. Ten minutes later after I hung up the phone, I realized I was in no pain whatsoever!

When I get a headache, I say out loud - "Boy, does my head feel great day -- better than yesterday -- the top, the bottom, the sides, inside and out, every hair on my head." Sometimes I repeat the foregoing several times and my head clears.

There is an old puzzle ... if a tree falls in a forest and no one is around to hear it fall, does it make a noise? Well, I similarly raise a new puzzler ... if our

blood pressure or our cholesterol counts, for example, are not taken by man's means, are they really high or low?

Maree John

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## Cold weather continues, with chance of snow

Mid-holiday week skies should be almost clear today and Friday with highs in the 30s and lows in the teens.

Saturday will see a chance of snow, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration predicts, with a high near 35 and lows in the teens.

**Thursday**

Clear, high in 30s

**Friday**

High in 30s, low in teens

**Saturday**

Chance of snow, high near 35 and lows in the teens

**Weatherman Al's tip:** With possible slick roadways due this weekend, party-goers would be wise to find a designated driver so that they will be around to celebrate the new year.

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Dashing through the snow  
Santa had to go....

How was your Christmas?  
Did you get all of your wishes?  
My wife got new dishes. My  
wife, a former Wayne High  
school student, Pam Sanders/  
Speer, reminds my partner Bob Harris and I that we were  
suppose to be writing a news-  
paper column not a Christmas  
jingle.

Remember Jingles the  
Clown, Poop Deck Paul, Milky  
the clown, Bozo, Woodsroe the  
Woodsman, Soupy Sales lunch  
with Soupy, Johnny Ginger,  
Bill Kennedy, Lou Gordon and  
Rita Bell?

I don't know how to stop.

Freddy Boom Boom Cannon,  
the 50s and 60s singing  
star who sang songs like *Pal-  
ades Park, Way Down Yonder*  
*in New Orleans and Telahassey Lassie* was mentioned in Mick  
Jagger's *Rolling Stone* magazine interview.

He mentioned that Freddy  
was one of his inspirations to  
become a lead singer instead  
of just a piano player.

Freddy's many area appear-  
ances have included stops in  
Westland at the former Pour  
Devil which is now the Rockaway  
Cafe, the Landing Strip in  
Romulus when it was a music  
club and the Boblo Boat with  
the band Benny and the Jets.

Boblo amusement park,  
gone but not forgotten. I'm surprised  
how many people remember  
the old Edge water  
amusement park on Seven

By Bob Harris  
& Benny Speer

MCN Special Writers

Mile Road, the Walled Lake ca-  
sino, the Grande ballroom, the  
Christmas lights at the old  
downtown Hudson's store,  
Christmas displays at the Ford  
Rotunda and the Elmwood  
casino in Windsor.

Sad year for the entertain-  
ment industry. The passing of  
Jerry Garcia of the Grateful  
Dead band, Michigan resident  
Jr. Walker, Wolfman Jack, J.P.  
McCarthy and a guy who ap-  
peared several times at the El-  
mwood Casino, television/  
movie star Dean Martin.

How about the Rock and  
Roll Hall of Fame in Cleve-  
land? They say it is where DJ  
Allen Freed coined the term  
"rock and roll". What they  
don't say is he was talking  
about a band from Highland  
Park called Bill Hallie and the  
Comets, Detroit the home of  
rock and roll Bill Hallie, Bob  
Seger, Ted Nugent, Mitch  
Ryder, Iggy, the MC 5, the  
Frost, Mark and the Miserians  
and Grand Funk Railroad.

How many bands from Cle-  
veland or even Ohio? And what  
about Johnny Cash and even  
B.B. King being inducted?  
They influenced rock but they

are country and blues.

Put em in the Country Hall  
of Fame and the Blues Hall of  
Fame. Rock and Roll Hall of  
Fame should be Elvis, Chuck  
Berry and Jimmy Hendrex in  
Detroit, even New York or Los  
Angeles, but Cleveland and  
Pat Boone?

Made it through another  
Christmas without buying a  
Chia pet, however, Grandma  
Speer bought little niece  
Sarah Luther one.

Big toys this year seemed to  
be Stretchy Susie, Barbie, the  
Insulter which is a little device  
that screams pre-recorded in-  
sults at you and the Gouie

Louie game where you pick  
Gouies out of Louies nose until  
Louies' brains pop out and  
then you are the winner.

The 13th Annual Detroit  
Metro Music Awards at the  
State Theatre downtown was  
hosted by comedian Judy Ten-  
uta and included appearances  
by George Beddard and the  
Kingpins, Lucky Haskins and  
Thornetta Davis.

Winning awards were: Red  
Tree as the best metal band;  
Spank for best rock and roll  
band; Robert Knoll for best  
blues band; Chisel Bros. for  
best soul band; the Forbes  
Brothers for best country

band; Greater Grace Temple  
Choir for best gospel; and  
Brouthers from Another  
Planet for best rap band.

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coming soon which include  
more bands from our area in-  
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# Airport tower receives applause, recognition

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

The staff and management of Detroit Metro Airport's three-year-old Air Traffic Control Tower in Romulus were honored last week as the Facility of the Year (1994) by the Federal Aviation Administration.

The honor was presented to local air traffic control manager Dennis R. Ragle at the tower by FAA officials from the Great Lakes Regional Office in Des Plaines, Ill.

Ragle invited his key air control staff members to the presentation, since as he explained they are the agents who created the services that lead to that award.

It was explained that the Detroit Metro split facility consists of a Level IV Tower Cab and a Level V Terminal Radar

Approach Control (TRACON). In calendar year 1994 the Detroit TRACON worked 693,383 operations and the Tower Cab served 485,306 operations.

This reflects a 6.8 percent increase in TRACON traffic and a 4.9 percent increase in airport traffic over the previous year.

Despite the increase in traffic, the Tower Cab controllers completed operations in 1995 with no operational errors (loss of standard separation between aircraft and airspace).

Detroit Metro ATCT received the facility of the year award for excelling in many areas, the FAA said.

A national evaluation of the facility conducted in 1994 resulted in a conformity index score of 96 compared with a

national average of 90 for similar facilities.

Evaluation items identified as commendable included operational supervision, operational team work, traffic management, training program initiatives, hub quality assurance support, management involvement in the operation, labor management relationship, personnel involvement and automation initiatives.

Paul Sheridan at Metro Airport said the tower personnel also were presented with a second award for an "excellence performance-zero errors" award for not allowing any aircraft to get too close to each other in flight patterns.

Such a performance rating is uncommon, Sheridan said, and that is why air control officials here were so honored by the award.

## Romulus, is 'Gateway to China'

Romulus has long considered itself the gateway to the world.

That concept was reinforced last Saturday, when U.S. and Chinese officials reached an historic agreement to allow Northwest Airlines planes to fly directly to Beijing from Detroit Metro Airport in Romulus.

Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara stated Saturday, "Anyone in the U.S. who wants

to do business in Beijing and fly there directly has to come" through Metro Airport.

The 13-hour Northwest Airlines flights will begin soon on a three times a week basis, airline officials said, with that number being stepped up to five a week by the year 1998.

The 6,600 mile flights will fly over the North Pole and over the heart of what used to be the Soviet Union. While ticket prices have not been an-

nounced yet, it is assumed they will be in the \$2,000 round-trip range.

Both Northwest and United Airlines currently have 35 weekly flights to China, but all make stopovers in Tokyo before landing in Beijing.

Seventy four Michigan businesses now have physical presence in China and it would not be too surprising to see many of them decide to relocate in the Metro area.

## Inkster poet extends holiday cheer

In the spirit of the season, Inkster poet and Good News special writer Karen Williams penned a poem of good wishes for the community.

When submitting her poem, Williams said, "I'd like to extend our most heartfelt thanks to our readers for helping us to give you monthly the gift of positive news about Inkster and its citizens. For us to create this supplement for you has truly been an enjoyable and rewarding experience. We hope you enjoy it too."

Williams, Theola Jones and Maude Reid all contribute to the monthly Good News section of the Inkster Ledger-Star.

"This poem is a special gift to all of our readers and their families," said Williams.

### 'TIS THE SEASON

'Tis the Season of the Savior to sing Hosannah at the Temple to share first fruits of Kwanza our legacies with our children

'Tis the Season of December, resplendent with promise, exquisite colors effulgent reds and greens wintry silvers and whites rainbows of kente shimmering in candlelight

'Tis the Season of timeless symbols creches, menorahs, unity bowls to honor birth of fraternity - the bread of life and 'tis the season of hugs,

laughter and kisses of being goodwill ambassadors in sabbath twilight

'Tis also the Season of fragrant experiences savoring the new and relishing precious old

And 'tis the season for fresh and second chances, the making of empowering choices

brilliant as gleaming snow

'Tis the Season of redemption and celebration, reverent moments of solitude

hands raised in solicitation paying unfeigned attention to those with less

to wary souls and hearts to spirits alone and joyless

'Tis also the Season of new beginnings making resolutions to correct habits old

to regard the significance of love and friendship than craving and relishing transient gold

'Tis the Season to set aside grudges

to share well-wishes to waiting ears

for now is the season for us all to be whole

to create rubrics for blessings and success in the New Year.

And 'tis the Season now and always

to light each others lives and paths

to make friends and families smile

to find joy in a child's laugh

Because now foremost is the season

to reflect, to praise and live but most importantly for you to decide "What gift will you give?"

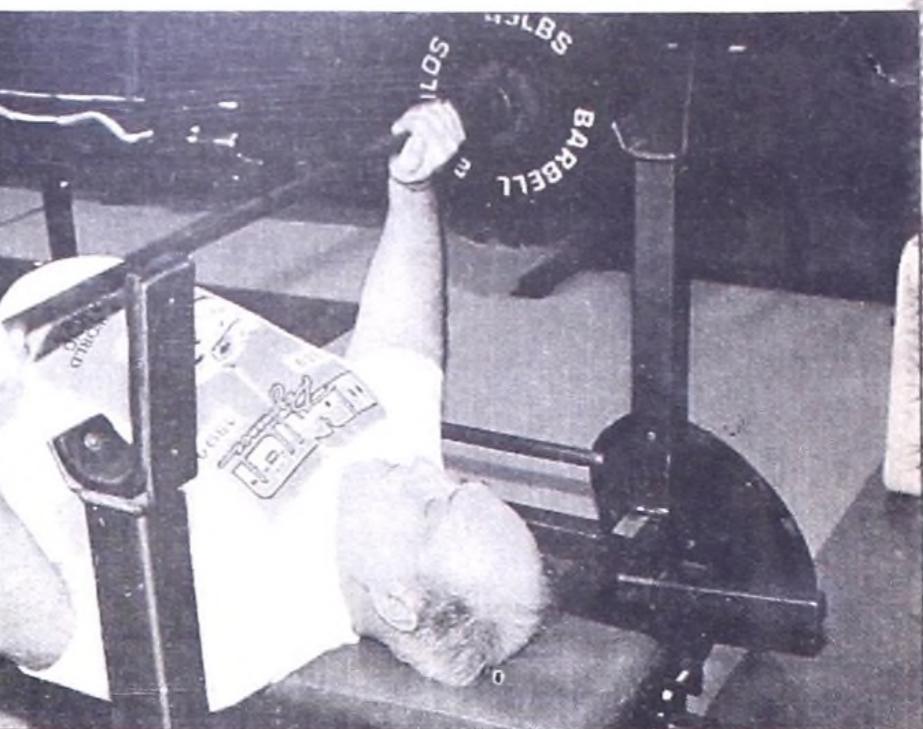
During holidays and always to others "What gift will you give?"

Batten, a Van Buren Township resident, headquarters his business in Romulus.

At the International Powerlifting Federation Masters Powerlifting Championships in Copenhagen, Denmark, Oct. 4-8, Batten was a member of the United States Masters team that placed second to the Russian team by a single point, the best placing the U.S. team has registered in the past six seasons of powerlifting competition. Lifters from more than 40 countries attended the IPF event in Copenhagen.

Batten, the only lifter on the U.S. team from Michigan, scored impressively at the IPF event as an individual winning three gold medals (114, 198, and super heavyweight), five silver medals (123, 165, 198, 275, and super heavyweight), and one bronze (198).

Batten set an IPF Masters bench press record at 501.5 pounds, the only lifter over 50



C.J. Batten

## Powerlifter has weight of the world on his shoulders

Batten set an IPF Masters bench press record at 501.5 pounds, the only lifter over 50 years of age to set a record over 500 pounds.

years of age to set a record over 500 pounds. Batten had previously set the record at 485 pounds in May at a meet in Seattle, Washington.

Batten's 1995 season performance includes: USPF National bench press winner in the 275-pound Masters division, with a new national record of 479.5 pounds, and second place in the Open class at Parkersburg, West Virginia on March 4.

On April 30, at the American Drug-Free Powerlifting Association (ADPFA) Ohio state championships, Batten set a new American record at 505.5 pounds in the bench press in the 275 pound Masters division.

On May 21, at the USPF National Masters Championships in Seattle, Batten was first in

the 275-pound division. Batten was the only competitor at the Nationals to set a world record, which he set in the bench press, at 485 pounds.

On Oct. 8, at the IPF World Masters, he won a silver medal in the 275-pound class and set a new IPF Masters world record of 501.5 pounds in the bench press.

Batten is the founder and president of Batten Corporation, which, in addition to providing engineering, design, and project management services to automotive, truck and engine companies, also designs and produces high-performance parts and complete engines of Batten design, including V-twin motorcycle engines, and 4-cam, 4-valve, V-8 and V-12 engines up to 1,000 cubic inches.

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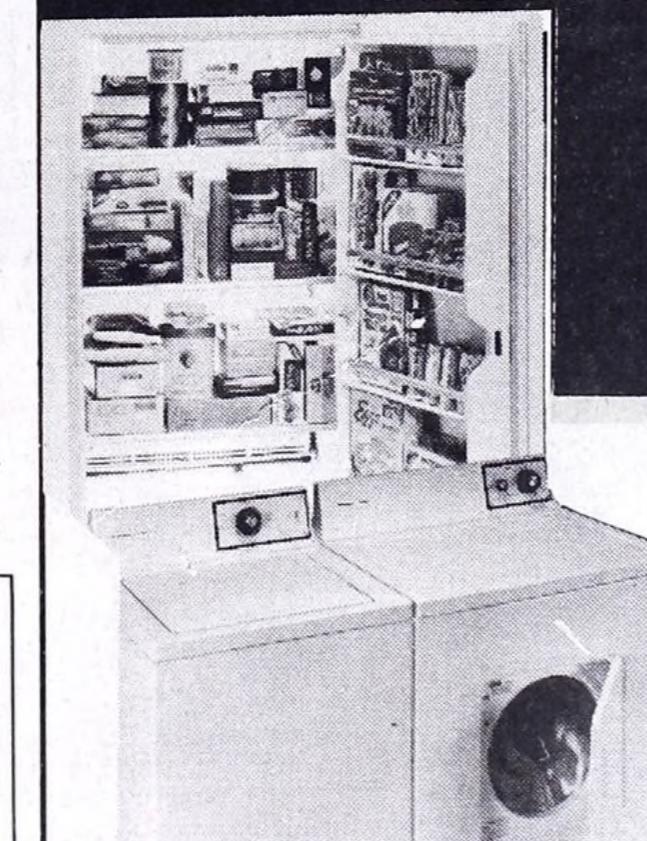
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# Complaints abound

## Nursing homes come under fire for abuses to elderly patients

By IVAN HELFMAN  
MCN Staff Writer

Nursing home patients are treated worse than convicted felons in our prisons, charges an advocate for elderly patients in long-term care facilities.

Alerted to horror stories of residents tied into wheelchairs and unsanitary conditions in many facilities, this writer spent a few days calling watchdogs, industry professionals, and a few nursing homes in Western Wayne County to find out if there's any truth to the rumors. While local nursing home administrators deny that neglect is prevalent, the complaints won't go away.

"Our prisoners are treated better than our old people," said Joan Schonfeld, founder of Voices of the Elderly, a group of residents' relatives that advocates residents' rights. "Prisoners get free room and board, free medical and dental care, and a free education. What do old people get?"

She noted that her late mother, a stroke victim, was neglected and developed a deep bed sore.

"After they cleaned it out, the wound was so deep that I could put my fist into it up to my wrist. This happened because she hadn't been turned."

Following that experience, she formed Voices of the Elderly to lobby the state for laws mandating increased staffing and improved care in nursing homes.

"Typically homes are understaffed," said Schonfeld. "There's usually only three to four nurse's aides to care for a couple hundred residents."

In contrast, both the state and federal governments are easing nursing home regulations.

According to Citizens for Better Care, Congress recently voted to eliminate the requirements that nursing homes set high care goals, provide treatments for mentally ill or retarded residents, and require nurses aides to receive at least 75 hours of training. Also eliminated were requirements that federal regulations be followed in Medicaid certified homes, and that homes be inspected more than once every

*Typically homes are understaffed. There's usually only three to four nurse's aides to care for a couple hundred residents.*

—Joan Schonfeld

year.

In a similar move, Michigan's Department of Public Health recently relaxed its inspection criteria, too.

According to Westland Convalescent Center administrator Judith Caroselli, a former nurse, "Long-care homes are more regulated than anyone else, including nuclear reactors and hospitals."

We have reams and reams of regulations. The federal and state governments want every facility to be perfect, without any room for anybody to make a mistake or an error. The demand for perfection at all costs is unreasonable and unattainable," she said, adding that the Westland Convalescent Center is an "excellent facility."

Yet a June 1995 survey, a public document available at the center, found some alarming allegations, one that an elderly woman had been tied to a wheelchair and another that a resident was left sitting in a chair from early morning until mid-afternoon on four straight days.

The first instance Caroselli said was "a minor mistake. No bad things happened to the resident. Over the last few years, we've instituted a program to reduce the use of restraints."

Commenting on the second allegation, Caroselli said she does not know if the charge is true.

"It was at the whimsy of the surveyor, who didn't watch the resident every minute. He may have missed seeing the resident turned every two hours," she said.

Caroselli downplayed other minor allegations, which included instances of not respecting residents' dignity, poor sanitation, and not following doctors' orders.

"An inspector's mission in life is to find something wrong. Otherwise, the governor wouldn't need him," she said.

Admissions have been

banned at Belle Woods in Van Buren Township until the end of the year because of findings on their August 1995 survey.

"Care is good in our facility," insisted Administrator Marsha Jasczs.

Allegations were made about Belle Woods use of restraints. But most alarming were allegations that many residents did not feel free to voice their grievances and were afraid to complain for fear of staff retaliation.

Jasczs pointed out that these were only allegations, and said: "We work closely with residents and families. They have the right to express their opinions."

"Any time a person is dependent on the care of others, that person's perceptions tends to change. There's bound to be a certain amount of innate fear in a dependent person no longer in his or her home. It's difficult to lose some independence."

She said she expects Belle Woods' restrictions to be lifted as soon as the state takes another survey.

To help people avoid nursing home problems, Nadine Koppin formed Continuing Care Placement Service (810-544-3436). By providing information, the business helps people find compatible nursing homes for family members in need.

Besides obtaining copies of surveys for nursing homes, Koppin plans to personally inspect every nursing home in the metropolitan area.

She just completed Northeastern Wayne County and will start canvassing Western Wayne in January. "When I'm done I'll have inspected 150."

At the homes, she looks for cleanliness, sniffs for pleasant odors, counts the beds, makes sure that able residents are dressed and active, checks the rates, and finds out what kind of care - skilled or unskilled.

## Festival slated

### Women's seminar seeks support

By JOAN DYER-ZINNER  
MCN Managing Editor

It may seem as if March is in the distant future, but for the planners of the March 16 Women's Leadership Conference, the date is just around the corner.

Plans are being made for the day-long event, which will be directed to girls, 12 and older, and women.

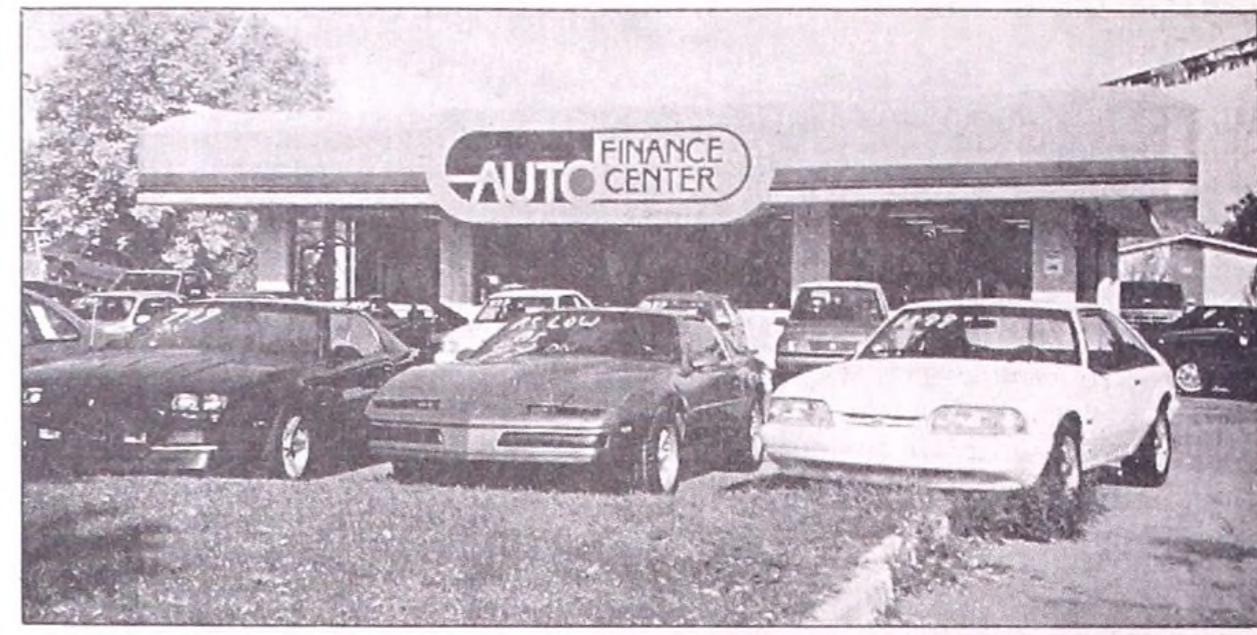
The event, Leadership for the 21st Century: Women Passing the Torch, will consist of a choice of several workshops, a panel discussion, speakers and lunch.

Congresswoman Lynn Rivers is slated to speak, and a welcoming address will be presented by Dr. Hattie Johnson, dean of the Western Center of Wayne County

Community College, the site of the event.

Sponsors of the event would like help from the business community - particularly business women - to be exhibitors or presenters at the event. Table space will be provided for exhibits, and those who wish to display their products and informational material may contact Joan Dyer-Zinner

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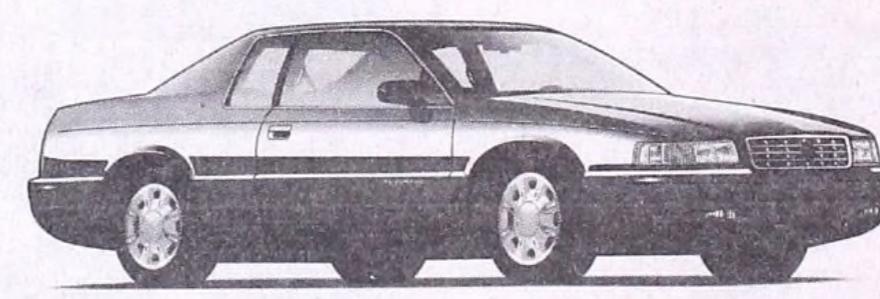
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**OBITUARIES****Wyszynski, Edward**

Edward Wyszynski, 66, of Wayne, died Dec. 3, 1995 at Garden City Hospital.

Born on July 17, 1929, he was a maintenance worker.

Survivors include two sons, Edward J. and Mark S.; four daughters, Joan Stranyak, Vicki Inman, Bertha M. Caudill and Cynthia Marie Wyszynski; 17 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and his companion, Ernestine.

There were no funeral services and cremation rites were accorded.

The family recommends that memorials be sent to the Brighton Hospital.

Arrangements were completed by the Uht Funeral Home.

**Spalding, Earl**

Earl Spalding, 80, of Wayne, died July 3, 1995 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Born on July 3, 1915, he was a retired machine operator and member of the American Legion of Wayne Post No. 111.

Survivors include his wife, Edna Mae (Roberts); four sons, Richard, Lloyd, Ronald and Leslie Spalding; a daughter, Kathleen Tochtrap; 13 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by two granddaughters.

The funeral was conducted at the Uht Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert Millar officiating. Interment was in Parkview Cemetery of Livonia.

**Wisniewski, Wanda**

Wanda Marie Wisniewski, 81, of Westland, died Dec. 5, 1995 in Petoskey, Mich.

Born on March 2, 1914, she was a homemaker. Survivors include two daughters, Barbara (Steven) Schoonover of Indian River and Shirley (James) Kasperek of Livonia; two sons, Robert (Sharron) Wisniewski of Dexter and Harold (Mary) Wisniewski of Plymouth; a sister, Helen Coley of Hamtramck; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted at the Vermeulen Memorial Funeral Home followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Richard Catholic Church of Westland with Father John Hall officiating. Interment was in Michigan Memorial Park of Flat Rock.

The family recommends that memorials be sent in the form of Mass offerings.

**Hamilton, Margaret**

Margaret J. Hamilton, 74, of Westland, died Dec. 13, 1995.

Born on Jan. 7, 1921, he was a retired assembler.

Survivors include two sons, Vernon (Diana) Pelow of Westland and Roy Ball; two daughters, Sondra Ball and Ann Ball Vonda Pelow; a sister, Rosemary Harvey; two brothers, Wilson Edward and David Henderson Stephens; 11 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted at the Uht Funeral Home with the Rev. James Oquin officiating. Interment was in Glenwood Cemetery of Wayne.

**Bartel, George**

George Bartel, 88, of Livonia, died Dec. 16, 1995 in Plymouth.

He was the former owner of Bartel Flowers and for 45 years was a member of the St. Peters Lutheran Church.

Survivors include his daughter, Beverly A. (Ronald) Lamerand of Livonia; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted at St. Peters Evangelical Lutheran Church of Plymouth with the Rev. Paul E. Schaefer officiating. Interment was in Riverside Cemetery of Plymouth.

**Peterson, Ellen**

Ellen E. Peterson, 79, of Garden City, died Dec. 14, 1995 in Annapolis Center of Oakwood Hospitals in Wayne.

Born on May 2, 1916, she was a homemaker.

Survivors include six sons, Earl, LeRoy, Larry, Kenny, Robert and Billy; two daughters, Shirley Costello and Angie; three brothers, Edwin, Lester and Bill Bay; three sisters, Bertha, Hilda and Elsie; several grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Arthur; and a son, Roger.

The funeral was conducted at the Uht Funeral Home with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Interment was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West of Westland.

**Johnson, Earl**

Earl J. Johnson, 70, of Belleville, died Dec. 12, 1995. Arrangements were completed by the David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville.

**Rucker, Katie**

Katie Rucker, 79, of Sumpter Township, died Dec. 8, 1995 at Beyer Hospital in Ypsilanti.

Born in Asheville, N.C. on Sept. 17, 1916, she was the daughter of Robert and Lucille Bowditch.

Survivors include her husband, Elder Thager Rucker; a daughter, June Rucker of Sumpter Township; two sons, Darrel Rucker and Sandy Hitchcock of Belleville; three sisters, Ethel Rucker, Savannah Wilson and Mary Pinkey, all of

Morristown, Tenn.; and a host of foster children, godchildren, relatives and friends.

The funeral was conducted at Spiritual Israel Church in Belleville. Burial was in Metropolitan Memorial Park of Belleville. Arrangements were conducted by the Pawlus Funeral Home of Belleville.

**Swanberg, Josephine**

Josephine I. Swanberg, 74, of Canton, died Dec. 13, 1995.

Born on Dec. 12, 1921, she was the daughter of Frank and Edith Fogg.

Survivors include two sons, Conrad (Donna M.) of Ann Arbor and Nelson (Kate) of Canton; five sisters, Lillian Lee of East Lansing, Mildred Dell of Venice, Fla., Julia McCoy of Albion, Joyce Gregory of Fenton and Althea Rosenwald of Lakeside, Cal.; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Carl Rudolph Swanberg in 1975.

The funeral was conducted at the Pawlus Funeral Home of Canton and entombment was in Washtenong Memorial Park of Ann Arbor. The family recommends that memorials be sent to the American Diabetes Association.

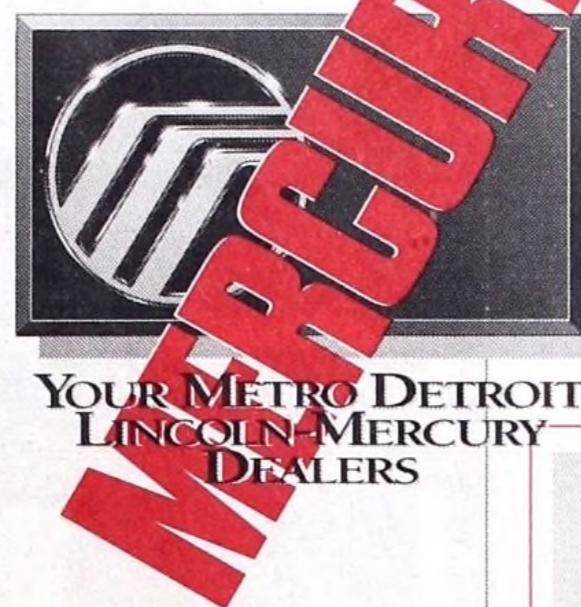
**Weyhe, Joan**

Joan L. Weyhe, 72, of Westland, died Dec. 19, 1995 at University Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Born on Sept. 28, 1923, she was a salesperson.

Survivors include five daughters, Carol Green of Westland, Cheryl Neubecker, Ann Ables, Renee Boyko and Colleen Clark; one son, Richard D. Weyhe; one brother, Robert Meyer; four grandsons, Jason and Matthew Neubecker, Sean Boyko and Brent Clark; and two granddaughters, Natalie Neubecker and Courtney Ables.

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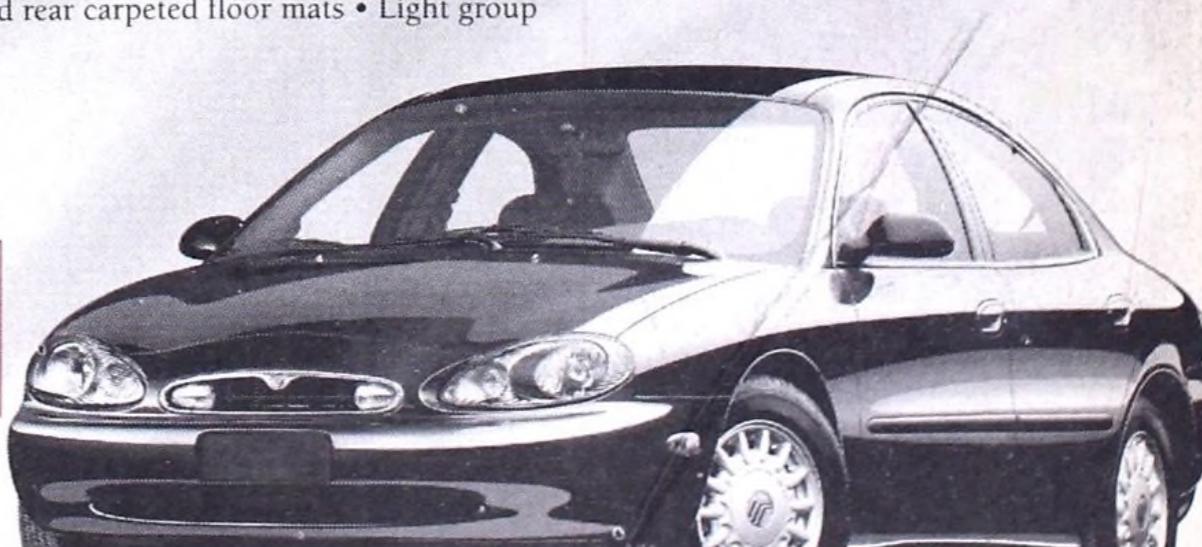
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Kathi Lorance Bejma, artist and owner of Walnut Ridge Collectibles, poses for a photograph with Father Christmas, one of 4,000 antique chocolate molds she owns. MCN photo by Kimberly Woloskie



(Above) The diamond-dusted Snowman and Santa Claus (below) are just two ornaments in the Christmas collection created by Walnut Ridge artist Kathi Lorance Bejma. MCN photo by Kimberly Woloskie



## Time treasured collectibles

### Area artist creates successful company from unique hobby

By KIMBERLY WOLOSKIE  
MCN Staff Writer

More than an artist and businesswoman, Kathi Lorance Bejma has turned her long-time love of antique chocolate molds into a unique collection of chalkware collectibles to be treasured for years to come.

As the founder and owner of Walnut Ridge Collectibles in Westland, Bejma's company individually hand-casts chalkware ornaments and collectibles that represent the grandeur and magnificence of an era gone by.

"Chalkware is a folk art that originated in the 1700s," said Bejma. "It was the first official decorative item that came to the colonies."

Traditionally a softer medium, chalkware collectibles created at Walnut Ridge have the look and feel of an original with the durability, however, not common to early pieces produced by colonists.

From the moment the prototype is poured into porcelain molds cast from 300 of Bejma's 4,000 piece chocolate mold collection, the products remain in

the hands of staff members to be painted, detailed, antiqued, tagged and wrapped for commercial sale. Bejma takes pride in knowing step-by-step, her collectibles are exclusive hand-made "treasures of old".

Bejma, a Canton resident says she started out selling soft sculpture reproductions at a local craft show in 1980. Through trial and error Bejma gradually advanced to the use of chalkware that is poured and fired not unlike ceramics.

Featuring the chalk reproductions at a wholesale show in 1988, Bejma says she came home with approximately 300 orders for 10 items to be completed by Christmas.

"I couldn't believe the response I received from that show," said Bejma. "The first thing I did was ask two friends to help me fill the orders."

Ironically, some of the first purchases made by customers in 1988 remain loyal clients of Bejma to this day.

With sales increasing at an unimaginable rate and a list of collectors a mile long, Walnut Ridge Collectibles moved from Bejma's Canton residence to a

1,600 square foot facility in Westland in April of 1990. I remember thinking we'd never run out of space says Bejma who began construction on a 15,000 square foot building in January of 1995, followed by a second relocation in May.

"I'm sure we'll have to do something eventually as we are left with only a small amount of unused space out of the 15,000 square foot facility we just moved into," said Bejma.

With 110 employees, mostly female, Bejma's staff produces approximately 1,500 to 2,000 pieces a day. Some staff members are able to work out of their home with weekly pickups says Bejma. This allows a retired individual or a homemaker to work at their own pace, out of the comfort of their own home, with scheduled drop-offs once the collectibles are complete.

Another point of pride Bejma says won't change with the continued expansion of the company is its United States address. The artist says she is contacted daily by international business people with hopes of relocating Walnut Ridge to China or Taiwan.

"It's one thing I'm most proud of," said Bejma. "We produce quality collectibles hand-made in the United States of America."

Clientele, however, aren't limited to this country as the Walnut Ridge name can be found in stores, retail outlets and shops in Germany, France, England, Australia and Aruba. Sales representatives market the unique collectibles at more than 800 retail locations as well as trade shows, market centers, collectors and an annual catalog.

The present Walnut Ridge Collectible catalog features a host of chalkware items for the Christmas season as well as spring and summer. Father Christmases, snowmen, and angels represent some of the 300 items with particular attention paid to limited edition items of Pere' Noel and Sinter Klaas.

Other collectible pieces for the spring and Easter season highlight the gentle creatures of nature like the Large Country, Meadow and Woodland Rabbit, lambs, sheep, Teddy bears, kittens and newly hatched baby chicks. Items re-



Julie Inglis of Livonia is one of Bejma's 26 on-site artists that handpaints each Walnut Ridge Collectible item. MCN photo by Kimberly Woloskie

tail between \$20 and \$350.

For now Bejma says she and her staff have completed another successful Christmas season with remarkable growth over the last year and one half with anticipated plans for the future.

"I'm overwhelmed at the success Walnut Ridge has experienced since its beginning," said Bejma. "My biggest thrill comes from collectors asking a retail store to carry my products. That's particularly exciting."

*Editor's note: If you would like to see some of the Walnut Ridge Collectibles, several local stores carry Bejma's products including the Copper Cricket in Westland, Country Merchant in Plymouth, Jacobson's and the Apple Wreath in Livonia.*



Peggy Edwards-Shaw details a flying pig.



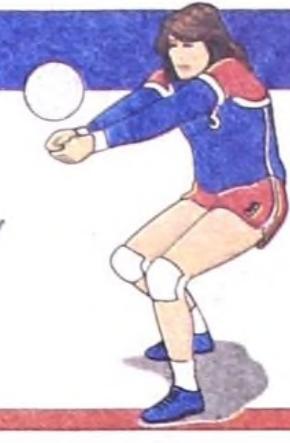
Edwards-Shaw painstakingly details an ornament before it is sent on to be antiqued and wrapped. Even the smallest details make the artists work unique to each product item. MCN photo by Kimberly Woloskie



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## It's David vs. Goliath

### Small, speedy Wayne faces tall, intimidating Brother Rice

In the biblical tale, David didn't stand a chance. But, then, Goliath didn't count on the hero's run-and-shoot. Or fast break. And the deadly accuracy of David's long-range weapon.

And Goliath definitely didn't foresee David's deceiving speed.

Tomorrow, there will be a David and Goliath rerun, of sorts, when two state-ranked hoop giants - Wayne Memorial and Birmingham Brother Rice - duel before a partisan Birmingham crowd in the Birmingham-based high school gym.

"They have a front line, including a couple of 6-7 forwards, that makes us look like Lilliputians," said Wayne Coach Chuck Henry, who

opted to use the Jonathan Swift simile rather than the biblical encounter of the strangest kind. "They have an exceptional team this year with a lot of inside strength."

Inside strength, translated, means that Wayne will be have a definitive height disadvantage.

To cut Brother Rice down to size, Henry hopes to use Wayne's edge in overall team speed that has figured decisively in Wayne's last four victories, including a recent 76-57 slaughter of St. Mary's DePorres.

"We don't have the size that they do," said Henry. "But I believe we can neutralize them with our speed. This is going to be an interesting game."

The crowd factor will defi-

*That opening-game loss in overtime to Plymouth-Canton I feel brought these kids back to reality. No matter how good the media or anyone says you are, it doesn't count unless you can go out there and prove yourself.*

- Chuck Henry

nitely be a factor in this game, according to Henry.

"Brother Rice has always drawn a huge crowd. They definitely have a lot of tradition going for them over there."

But there also seems to be a lot of national interest in Wayne's talented team this year. The Zebras have been at-

tracting scouts from such prestigious colleges and universities as Duke University, North Carolina, Minnesota and University of Detroit.

And they are not attending the games to eat popcorn.

Despite the distraction created by the cadre of college scouts, Henry said his players

remain focus.

"That opening-game loss in overtime to Plymouth-Canton I feel brought these kids back to reality. No matter how good the media or anyone says you are, it doesn't count unless you can go out there and prove yourself. Yes, there is pressure on these kids after what they did a year ago, but that's a part of the game and of life."

What "these kids" did a year ago was to reach the Class A state quarterfinals before losing in double overtime to Kalamazoo Central.

Wayne destroyed DePorres

76-56 behind a balanced scoring assault that placed four players in double figures. Lorenzo Guess, a 6-2 junior point guard, led the assault with 24 points while teammate

Richard Johnson added 14.

Wayne's Richard Rashad, recovering from a sprained ankle, is returning to form as he chipped in 12 points. The Zebras also received 10 points from Roland Patterson.

After losing the OT thriller to Dan Young's Chiefs, Wayne has strung together four straight wins. They buried Livonia Franklin 71-32 on the rebound of the loss, then humiliated Dearborn Fordson 84-45 in their first defense of their Mega Conference, Red Division, title.

In their first-ever conference meeting with Romulus, one of the newest members of the Red Division, Wayne managed to surface with a 89-74 victory. They then met and dumped DePorres.

## Last shot lifts Belleville over luckless Romulus

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

Belleville, the Mega Conference Red Division hoop champs, continues to live dangerously.

With one loss already pinned to their conference record, Coach Mike Garland's Tigers may not be able to afford another. And, without Darcell Lewis's heroics against a determined Romulus team, Belleville could have been looking at its second loss last week.

Instead, Lewis sank a 16-footer at the buzzer to help the co-champs salvage a 59-57 victory over Romulus before a standing room only crowd at Romulus High. It was the second straight setback for coach Guy DelGiudice's Eagles who are looking for respect in their new environs. (Romulus competed as an independent last year and is one of two new teams admitted into the conference ranks. Dearborn High is the other).

Disappointing is the word that coach DelGiudice used to describe the loss. More for the kids than for himself.

"We played hard enough and well enough to win," said DelGiudice afterwards. "But we made some bad mistakes, like inappropriate passes, at crucial times which came back and later haunted us."

Romulus took the lead in the final seconds when Jamal Bailey stole an inbound pass, dished it to teammate Buddy Chambers who quickly flipped the ball over to Brandon DeYampert who sank a layup. DeYampert also was fouled in the process.

But the Eagles outscored their visitors 17-8 in the third period as Cliff Stewart accounted for six of his 14 points and DeYampert also made six (of his 17) in the surge and when Lewis Atkins connected on a trey, Romulus had the lead 44-41.

DeYampert led Romulus' scorers with 17 points and also had six rebounds. Atkins contributed 13 points and five rebounds and Stewart had nine rebounds to go along with his 14 points.

Reed's 24 points included four treys.

There will be no more heartbreakers for Romulus this year. The Eagles don't play until Jan. 5 when always-respectable Highland Park plays them a visit. After that, DelGiudice has to contend with Woodhaven, Robichaud and Fordson.

An interesting note in the Romulus-Fordson game: It will pit father against son.

Jeff DelGiudice, former Fordson cage star and the coach's son, is an assistant coach on the Tractors' staff.

## Tourney time for Tigers

After an exciting last-second victory over neighboring Romulus, Belleville and coach Michael Garland will pack up their basketball gear today (and troubles) and travel to Benton Harbor in search of a holiday tournament title.

Benton Harbor has been a nemesis for the Tigers in re-

cent years - they have managed to deny the Tigers the title.

And, this year, Belleville drew none other than the host, Benton Harbor, in the first round of the tournament. The two teams square off Friday evening in the second of two games.



### Lesson in self-defense

A female student from The Asian Karate Alliance in Westland performs a flying kick before her fellow classmates. The kick was one of several exercises the beginners complete during a weekly training session. See related story B-3. MCN photo by Kimberly Woloski

## Ex-Canton hoop star Gray is wearing a Wildcat uniform

Stephanie Gray, who helped Plymouth-Canton build a women's basketball program which is second to none in the state, will be wearing a Northern Michigan University uniform this season.

After seeing only limited action for the Broncos at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Gray decided to transfer to Northern Michigan and become a Wildcat.

And the Wildcats appreciate the switch.

A three-time letterwinner in basketball for the Chiefs at Plymouth-Canton High School, Gray finished sixth in

the voting for Michigan's top award, the Miss Basketball accolades.

She earned all-Western Lakes Conference honors two consecutive years and also repeated that achievement for All-Area.

Gray was the Chiefs' unanimous pick for MVP honors, and she was also an All-State first-team as well as All-Metro West selection in 1992.

Gray helped Canton capture a divisional, conference, Class A district and regional title in her junior year before losing in the state semifinals.

The 6-0 sophomore at NMU

is "just an outstanding all-around athlete and person."

She was selected to play for the Michigan All-Stars in the 1993 invitational against Ohio, and also served as team co-captain on both basketball and track teams. A four-time letterwinner in track, she also lettered in volleyball.

Gray's record in the high jump and shot put remain on the Canton High record board.

A math/science and secondary education major, Stephanie is the daughter of Stephen and Donna Gray of Canton Township.

## Jones' 4 treys fuel win against South Lyon

tte's record at 2-2 for the season. The Westlanders were scheduled to meet Detroit Mumford last night at the "Superintendent's Classic" in the Cobo Arena.

The classic is hosted by Dr. David Sneed, superintendent of the Detroit Public Schools, and this will be the Rockets' second appearance at the invi-

tational which showcases some of the best Detroit teams against their peers in the sub-regions.

To tune up for the classic, the Rockets rattled South Lyon for their second victory in four trips on to the hardwood.

Schuette gave his entire squad an opportunity to see action after the Rockets

soared to a 23-13 first-period lead as Jon Albrecht sank four points and Dave Jarrett chipped in with three.

With Schuette shuffling his players in and out of the action at will, Glenn cooled in the second period and put only seven points up on the scoreboard against the winless Lyon quintet which has failed to

find the winning column in their first five starts this year.

Glenn was 2-2 on the year going into last night's encounter of a different kind.

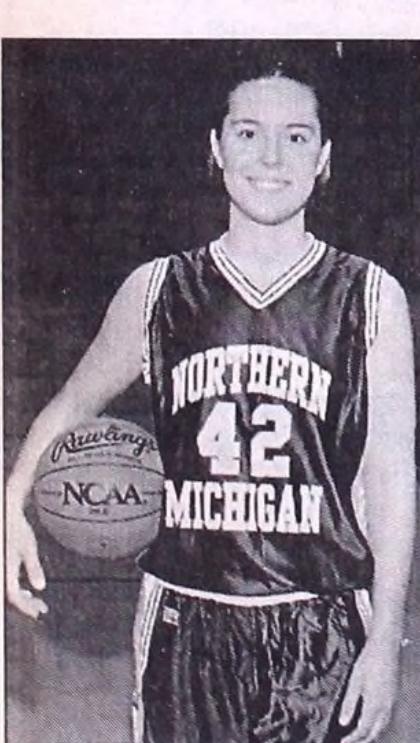
Jones connected on four three-points and finished with a game-high 15 points in the victory. Teammate Jon Becker added nine points and Jarrett, who cooled after the torrid first period, also ended up

with nine.

South Lyon's top scoring effort came from Chris LaMontagne, who finished with his team high 13.

The Westlanders had an opportunity to shoot 21 free throws and sank 13.

Every Glenn player but one scored, according to the Rocket coach.



Stephanie Gray

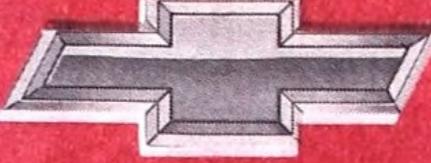
By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

The slow-starting Rocket engine got a big boost from floor engineer Albert Jones who turned out four treys in a 15-point performance that sparked Westland John Glenn past South Lyon, 68-53.

The victory evened coach

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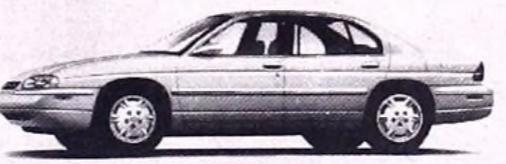
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# Honor, fidelity, patience Sensei teaches students skills

By KIMBERLY WOLOSKIE  
MCN Staff Writer

Teaching the skills of self-defense oriented Karate has become more than a hobby for Westland resident Todd Caccamo, its a job. Caccamo is the owner and sensei of The Asian Karate Alliance in Westland teaches students the physical and mental tools of the ancient art with the never give up attitude he mastered in the United States Marine Corps.

Caccamo, 23, says his students come to understand karate is more than kicking, it's a positive form of self-defense more individuals should study.

"It is truly unfortunate that many families don't take the time or effort to learn," said Caccamo. "Sadly, untold numbers of these families will unfortunately be victimized by violent crime and they will forever ask themselves how this crime could have been prevented."

The Westland resident has created a unique foundation for his students combining judo, jujitsu, Tae Kwon Do and street/ground fighting. Concentration, discipline, control and self-esteem become integral aspects of training that eventually improve self-worth, attitude and agility over time.

"If you're expecting to walk in off the street and learn the kind of kicks and moves you see on television or in the movies, you're wrong," said Caccamo. "Our students learn patience and control that they apply in order to obtain a sincere dedication to themselves and the training."

The Asian Karate Alliance, opened its doors in August of 1994 exceeding the expectations of Caccamo after just a few weeks. Enrollment and class size has gradually grown into a thriving business with the possibility of expansion into the vacant space located next to the school.

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"I think I've pushed myself in the right direction," said Caccamo, "and a good thing happened."

The 23-year-old Westland resident joined the Marine Corps after graduation from Churchill High School in Livonia. Caccamo said while actively serving in Okinawa, Japan he studied Martial Arts extensively before returning to the states as a USMC reservist with Weapons Company 124 out of Toledo, Ohio.

As a third degree black belt, Caccamo believes he's making a difference in the students lives that attend his school. A regular part of the weekly training at The Asian Karate Alliance involves the recitation of the Student Creed of Respect that the sensei hopes his students carry with them long after the Karate lessons are complete.

- I intend to develop myself in a positive manner and avoid anything that would reduce my mental growth or my physical health.

- I intend to develop self-discipline in order to bring out the best in myself and others.

- I intend to use what I learn in class constructively and defensively to help myself and my fellow man and never to be abusive or offense.

"I'm not here to turn someone's child into a bully," said Caccamo. "The skills they develop within themselves is for the good of mankind not to be used to intimidate or abuse."

Caccamo says a student gen-

erally advances from a white belt to the next level over a three month period of loyal physical and mental training. The sensei rewards a student who completes a list of requirements with a colored stripe secured to their present karate belt as a form of motivation.

Requirements monitored by parents/guardians include practicing at home, expressing gratitude to parents for paying tuition and driving to and from class, demonstrating respect toward parents, teachers and family members and attending class twice a week.

"The stripes are used to acknowledge and reward a student's commitment to their training," said Caccamo. "If they haven't truly put forth the effort inside and outside class it will show when it comes time to receiving another patch."

Teaching children and adults through beginner, intermediate and advanced class six days a week, Caccamo is currently working toward a career as a United States marshal.

"I've always wanted to work in law enforcement or mechanical engineering but I never thought I'd have my own Karate School," said Caccamo. "If the students don't ever use the self-defense skills they've developed but maintain a healthy respect for law and order, themselves and their fellow man then I've made a positive difference in someone's life."

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Safety tips for a safer snowmobile season include:

- Always wear a helmet.



Sensei Todd Caccamo demonstrates a flying kick to his students following a class exercise. Caccamo, a third-degree black belt, owns and operates the Asian Karate Alliance in Westland. MCN photo by Kimberly Woloskie



Five Asian Karate Alliance students line-up to receive stripes on their yellow belts for completing a series of requirements asked by the sensei. MCN photo by Kimberly Woloskie

## Wayne auditor general meets with County Commissioner

Wayne County Commissioner Bruce Patterson and Ramona Henderson-Pearson, the Wayne County Commission's auditor general, met to discuss the 1996 strategic plan.

Patterson, a Canton Township Republican, is vice chair of the commission's Ways and Means Committee (appropriations and budget).

Among the issues discussed were Wayne County Youth Services Division, one-tenth millage revenues and related expenditures. Henderson-Pearson said, "...the accounting system currently used by the McNamara administration for the one-tenth mill money collected and expended is inappropriate."

Patterson agreed, saying, "To provide meaningful financial data, related revenues and expenditures must be maintained in a separate special revenue account."

The other item of particular importance was the current debt and pension funding policy being followed by the county.

Henderson-Pearson said, "Over the past few years, in an effort to resolve short-term financial constraints, Wayne County has increased its pension and other long-term obligations. As a result, future taxpayers will be required to absorb heavier debt service and increases in employee pension plan expenditures."

Patterson said he was opposed to excessive spending for future costs. "We must live within our means. Expenditures cannot be allowed to exceed revenues; and that does not mean we should raise taxes. Rather, as legislators for Wayne County, we must be fiscally prudent and responsible."

Patterson said funds should be deposited in a "rainy day account," which he established earlier this year.

"Now let's put some money in it and save for tomorrow. Otherwise, let's cut the tax rates, not spend everything we receive. Moreover, we must establish a debt policy and a prioritized list of capital improvement projects so we are not continually tempted to issue more bond debt to finance various and sundry building projects we don't need or cannot afford," Patterson said.

## Michigan tax forms mailed to area taxpayers in mid-January

The Michigan Department of Treasury has announced that taxpayers will begin receiving their tax booklets and forms (MI-1040 and MI-1040EZ) the second week in January. Over 4 million income tax forms will be mailed this year, according to Treasury's Bureau of Revenue. Taxpayers should expect to see their state income tax forms in their mailboxes beginning mid-January.

The 1995 MI-1040 form contains several changes from previous years. Among the changes are:

- The income tax rate has been lowered from 4.47 percent to 4.4 percent.

- The personal exemption has been increased from \$2,100 to \$2,400.

- The 1995 Headlee Amendment Refund will lower income tax liability by 2 percent.

- A new College Tuition Credit for tuition and fees paid to eligible universities and colleges.

- Interest and dividend income deduction for seniors has been increased.

- Another change is that taxpayers will no longer have the option of applying the Home Heating Credit to income tax due on the MI-1040 form. Deci-

sions are pending on the federal budget and how much federal aid will be available to fund the Home Heating Credit.

Once those decisions are made in Washington, eligible individuals should file a Home Heating Credit form separately from the MI-1040 form.

The department of Treasury recommends that, to ensure prompt processing of returns and refunds, taxpayers remember to: file early, check returns for errors and use the pre-printed mailing label when submitting their return (if it is correct).

## New co-medical director named

Anthony Burton, M.D., has joined Mission Health - Business Health Services as co-medical director for western Wayne County.

Burton was formerly the medical director of Employee Health Services at Henry Ford Hospital.

Burton is board certified in occupational and environmen-

tal medicine. He obtained his medical degree and master's of public health from the University of Michigan.

"Dr. Burton is a welcome addition to Business Health Services. In his new position, he will focus on employers and employees throughout western Wayne County," said BHS Medical Program Director Milt E.

Dupuy, MPH.

"Business Health Services provides comprehensive workplace health services including injury and prevention, physical examinations, drug tests and wellness services. Our main objective is to manage workplace health care by treating workers and their injuries as soon as possible."

## 230,000 snowmobiles to hit state

More than 230,000 registered snowmobiles will hit Michigan trails this winter, making it critical that safety go along for the ride, AAA Michigan reports.

"Snowmobiling is one of the most popular winter activities in Michigan, which has 5,300 miles of groomed trails—among the highest number of any

state," said AAA Michigan Community Safety Services Manager Jerry Basch.

"However, during the last five snowmobile seasons,

Michigan has recorded a yearly average of 455 crashes.

In 1994, snowmobile crashes claimed five lives and injured 318 persons. To improve this safety record, snowmobilers

must know the 'rules of the road,'" he stressed.

Operating a snowmobile after drinking alcohol and driving at reckless speeds are two of the most dangerous practices for a snowmobiler, according to Basch.

Safety tips for a safer snowmobile season include:

- Always wear a helmet.

It's that time of year again, when northern snow birds migrate south—and the Michigan species is no exception.

Michiganans will be among those boosting travel to warmer climes this winter, down from the three to seven percent gains registered in recent years.

AAA Travel Agency reports winter bookings by state residents have kept agents busy, with Orlando, Las Vegas and the Caribbean among the top "hot spots" for Michigan travelers. Cruise sales at the agency are up 10 percent over last winter and are proving to be a great bargain for travelers, according to AAA Michigan Travel Director Bill Best.

"With over 5,500 cruises available, the competition between cruise lines for passengers is fierce," Best said. "The bargains now being offered to entice new cruisers

cape to visit their travel agent to discover the wide range of options and to book early for the best bargains.

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Auto travel this winter is expected to equal the previous year, based on AAA Triptik and routing requests prepared for members. The top auto destinations for Michigan travelers continue to be Florida, particularly Orlando and Tampa/St. Petersburg and Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Routings to Northwest Michigan will be in demand by winter sports enthusiasts, especially if Mother Nature does her part and provides cold temperatures and plenty of snow.

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## Former treasurer Gerald Brown dies

on.

Brown is survived by his wife, Joan; son Gary Brown from Canton; daughter Carol of Northville; brother Harry Brown of Nebraska and six grandchildren.

He was a financial analyst for General Motors for 10 years.

Brown received his bachelor of science degree from Wayne State University and

his master's degree in education from Eastern Michigan University.

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## From the heart

On Saturday, Christmas baskets were given to 150 Inkster families. Donations from the Kroger Co. and Standard Federal Bank provided the funds and President Mike McIlan and members of the New Era Men's Club distributed the food. Pictured are members of the club with Robert Penn, president/developer of Penn & Associates (second from left) and Mayor Edward Bivens Jr. (with suit in center). The giveaway took place at the new Inkster Town Center. MCN photo by Kimberly Woloski

## Girl Scout cookie sale begins soon

When you help yourself to Girl Scout cookies, you're helping Girl Scouts -- that is the message Girl Scouts from the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council want to get across during the 1996 cookie sale.

Order taking begins Jan. 5 and continues through Jan. 26, and Girl Scouts will deliver cookies beginning Feb. 19.

Girl Scouts in the Huron Valley council will sell eight varieties of the popular treats: thin mints, peanut butter patties, lemon pastry creme, peanut butter sandwiches,

shortbread, caramel delites, low-fat strawberries N creme and no-fat cinnamon oatmeal raisin bars.

The cost of a box of cookies is broken down as follows: 42 cents (or 14 percent) to the troop; \$1.50 (or 50 percent) to the cookie company for cookies, incentives, promotional materials and delivery; 96 cents (or 32 percent) to the council for camps, services to low-income girls, volunteer training, scholarships, partnerships and staff support; five cents (or 2 percent) extra troop profit; and five cents (2 percent) for Cadette and Senior

bonuses.

Last year, nearly 14,000 Huron Valley scouts sold 99,976 boxes of cookies at \$2.50 per box. The price increase is the first increase in five years, and reflects the increased cost of cookies from the bakery and the increased cost of providing Girl Scout programming to the girls. Money from the sale, for example, will help maintain the new swimming pool at Camp Linden, the council's resident camp. Before the pool was built in 1995, campers swam in Lake Louis, which has become too polluted to use.

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Motion by Smith, supported by Fitch to turn the bids over to the City Engineers, Finkbeiner, Pettis & Strout.

Authorizing Mayor Dennis Fassett to be a Signer in the Absence of the City Manager on all Accounts and Documents Pertaining to the City.

Farm Equipment & Supplies

Real Estate

A Regular Meeting of the City of Belleville was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, by Mayor Fassett with Councilman Smith, Besson, Fitch and Fields present.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Fields, supported by Smith to approve Council Minutes, November 20, 1995.

AYES: Smith and Fields NAYS:

Musical Merchandise

Out of State Property

ABSTAINED: Fassett, Besson, and Fitch Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Fields, supported by Besson to accept Mayor's appointment of Ken Voigt to the DDA, term to expire 1999.

Motion carried unanimously.

Fuel

Sporting Goods

Real Estate Wanted

Motion by Fields, supported by Besson to re-elect Richard Smith as Mayor Pro-Tem.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Garden Produce

Wanted to Buy

Banquet Halls

Motion carried unanimously.

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Antiques

Machinery & Tools

Wanted to Sell

Condos for Rent

Motion carried unanimously.

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Business Opportunity

Miscellaneous Items

Wanted to Rent

Storage

Motion carried unanimously.

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Business & Office Equipment

Miscellaneous Sales

Wanted to Sell

Wanted to Rent

Motion carried unanimously.

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Christmas Trees

Monuments & Cemetery Lots

Riding Horse-Stables

Will Share

Motion carried unanimously.

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Pawn Shops

Monuments & Cemetery Lots

Riding Horse-Stables

Garages for Rent

Motion carried unanimously.

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Trucks-Vans

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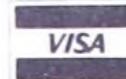


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1FTCR10A3NTA705597  
Published: December 28, 1995

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

This notice is hereby given by the undersigned that on Tuesday, January 2, 1996 at 10:00 am at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill Road, Westland, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicle will be held:  
1984 Ford Tempo 4 dr.  
2FAFB23R2EB16017  
1972 Olds Cutlass 2 dr.  
3G87H24109682

Also on Tuesday, January 2, 1996 at 11:00 am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, an auction will be held in which the following vehicles will be up for sale:  
1991 Ford Escort 2 dr.  
1FAFP1284MW250160  
1980 Honda Accord 2 dr.  
SMC204104  
1983 Merc. Marquis 4 dr.  
1MEBP83E9DGG10767  
1985 Ford T-bird 2 dr.  
1FAFB46W4F1H46621  
1984 Ford Tempo 4 dr.  
2FAFB23R2EB16017  
1987 Dodge Daytona 2 dr.  
1B3CA44KXHG20467  
1979 Olds Toronado 2 dr.  
3257N9E146882  
1978 Olds Regency 2 dr.  
3X37R8M140570  
1984 Merc. Cougar 2 dr.  
1MEBP923EHE97347  
1982 Ply. Valiant 2 dr.  
1322544731

1982 Ford Granada SW  
1FABP28B7CG153577

1980 Buick Park Ave. 4 dr.

4W69NAH515501

1981 Ford Mustang 2 dr.  
1FABP123B5BF124696

1985 Pont. Grand Am 2 dr.

1G2NE27UXFC760072

1972 Olds Cutlass 2 dr.

3G87H2R109682

1986 Merc. Cougar

1MEBP9231GH680193

To be auctioned some time after January 28, 1996:

1971 Dodge Van

B328EV1303544

1979 Merc. 2 dr.

9H93H656462

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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
2ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
ORDER FOR ALTERNATE SERVICE

Case No: 95-2536-LT  
Court Address: 27331 S. River Park Drive, Inkster, Michigan 48141. (313) 277-8200.

PLAINTIFF: Department of Veterans Affairs

477 Michigan Avenue

Room 1460

Detroit, MI 48226

(313) 226-4244

PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY: Arthur E LaFave P30465

Office of District Counsel/VA

477 Michigan Avenue

Room 1460

Detroit, MI 48226

(313) 226-4244

VS-

DEFENDANT: James Sanders

25922 Norfolk

Inkster, MI 48141

THE COURT FINDS: Service of process upon Defendant, James Sanders, cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2.105, and service of process may be made in a manner which is reasonably calculated to give Defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

IT IS ORDERED: Service of summons and complaint and a copy of this order may be made by the following methods: First Class mail to James Sanders, 25922 Norfolk, Inkster, Michigan 48141. Tacking or firmly affixing to the door at 25922 Norfolk, Inkster. Publish three weeks in local newspaper.

For each method used, proof of service must be filed promptly with the Court.

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
22ND JUDICIAL COURT  
SUMMONS  
Landlord-Tenant/  
Land Contract

Case No: 95-2636-LT  
Court Address: 27331 S. River Park Drive, Inkster, Michigan 48141. (313) 277-8200

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LAND CONTRACT  
FORFEITURE

NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT: In the name of the people of the State of Michigan you are notified. The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint against you and wants to recover possession after land contract forfeiture. Address or description of premises: Property in default located at 25922 Norfolk, Inkster.

### EMPLOYMENT

### INSTRUCTIONS

### FARM EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES

### MUSICAL MERCHANDISE

### OUT OF STATE PROPERTY

### APARTMENTS FOR RENT

Antique & Classic Cars	Child Care	112	Houses for Rent
Auto Accessories	Help Wanted	103	Mobile Home Lots for Rent
Autos for Sale	Music Lessons	107	Rooms for Rent
Autos Wanted	Private Lessons	104	Business Places for Rent
Autos, Parts	Schools	109	Storage
Autos Wanted		109	Condos for Rent
Autos Wanted		108	Cottages for Rent
Autos Wanted		107	Wanted to Rent
Autos Wanted		106	Will Share
Autos Wanted		105	100
Autos Wanted		104	101
Autos Wanted		103	98
Autos Wanted		102	97
Autos Wanted		101	96
Autos Wanted		100	95

Antiques	Help Wanted	112	Houses for Rent
Auctions	Music Lessons	103	Mobile Home Lots for Rent
Card of Events	Private Lessons	107	Rooms for Rent
Commemorative	Schools	104	Business Places for Rent
Entertainment		109	Storage
Funeral Directory		109	Condos for Rent
In Memoriam		108	Cottages for Rent
Land Contract		107	Wanted to Rent
Funeral Directory		106	Will Share
In Memoriam		105	100
Legacies		104	98
Lost and Found		103	97
Personals		102	96

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**DIRECT CARE WORKERS**

Full and part time positions available to work with developmentally disabled adults. Starting pay \$6.50 untrained, \$6.70 trained. High school diploma/GED and valid Michigan drivers license required. Call 697-5944 EOE.

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**DIRECT CARE STAFF**

Northville area group home. Must be 18 years of age, have a valid drivers license, and a high school diploma or GED. All shifts available. Please contact Miguel at 810-344-8728.

**DIRECT CARE STAFF**

Needed to work in Belleville area group home with developmentally disabled adults. Afternoons, midnights, and/or weekends available. Will train. Benefits include: health/dental insurance, vacation/personal days, pension etc. Call 810-296-3602.

**DOCKWORKER**

National trucking company opening new facility in Dearborn area is looking for 7 dockworkers. Applicants must have recent experience on a dock and hi-lo and a valid drivers license. 3 shifts. Temp to perm. \$8/hr. to start. Call Lois today. Livonia, 473-2931. ADVANTAGE STAFFING

**DRY CLEANING** attendant wanted. Part time positions. Call for more information, 729-2030.

**FURNACE AND** air conditioning installer and service technician. Must be expert and reliable. Non-others need apply. Piece work 721-6263.

**GENERAL LABORER** \*Packagers \*Warehouse \*Immediate openings For appl. call TempExchange (313)326-9335

**HOTEL**

Now accepting applications for full time Housekeeping Inspectors. Good benefits and hours. Apply in person at: Clarion Hotel, 31525 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. (810)553-0000.

**47. Schools**

**FREE HOME BIBLE STUDIES**

Non-denominational (different times to suit your convenience). Interested?

Call 326-0690

**82. Wanted to Buy**

**INSTANT CASH**

For old gold and diamonds and old watches and clocks.

**DILLON'S JEWELERS**

1549 South Wayne Rd. Westland, Mich. 48185

**722-3839**

**89. Apts. for Rent**

**Kirkridge Park Cooperative**

Why Rent when you can own!

Monthly Payments start at:

1 BR \$246 • 2 BR \$295

3 BR \$326

**CALL 697-3555**

8205 Kirkridge Park Dr., Belleville

(on Ecorse 1/2 Mile W. of I-275)

Most 1 BR units are accessible for Mobility Impaired Persons!

**GLEN ARMS APTS.**

WESTLAND

Very sharp, newly decorated, carpet, appliances, mini blinds, near shopping, cozy park-like setting. Free heat & water.

\* 1 BR \$450 • \* 2 BR \$460

\$99 Security Deposit!

**729-5654**

9-7 p.m.

**WESTHAVEN MANOR RETIREMENT COMMUNITY**

Beat the winter blues...

Move to Westhaven Manor Retirement Community. Come in from the cold and discover

Lovely Apartments  
Activity Coordinator  
Arts & Crafts • Beauty Salon  
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Restaurant • and much more...

34601 Elmwood, Westland

**729-3690**

Hearing Impaired

TDD 1-800-649-3777

Equal Housing Opportunity

**IMMEDIATE FULL & PART TIME** positions available for Service Agents, Rental/Sales Agents, Bus Drivers & Shutters. Must be 18 years old. Driver's license required. Pre-employment drug test required. Applications accepted at: National Car Rental Detroit Metropolitan Airport. Call 292-2600.

**DAYS INN**

Now accepting applications for exp. front desk clerks, housekeeping, kitchen, waitstaff, van drivers. Apply in person. 9501 Middlebelt Rd., Romulus (just South of Wick Rd.). EOE.

**JANITORIAL OFFICE CLEANERS/FLOOR SPECIALISTS SUPERVISOR**

Growing building maintenance company has immediate openings for full and part time positions. Health, Life, Dental, Vision & Prescription programs. Locations needing help: Ann Arbor, Plymouth, Farmington, and Westland. Call for interview, 313-421-9524.

**89. Apts. for Rent**

**Park Hill Apartments**

1 & 2 BR apartments, starting at \$425.

- Carpets
- Foyer Doors

Located in Wayne on Venoy, 2 blocks North of Michigan Avenue.

**326-0070**

**AN APARTMENT TRILOGY**

(Just W. of I-275/I-94 Interchange near Metro Airport)

**LIGHTHOUSE POINT** Dare You to Compare from \$500 699-4343

**BELLROSE'**

Gracious Surroundings from \$520 697-4343

**ARCHWOOD'**

A Triumph of Style from \$540 697-0100

All Feature: Microwaves, drapes or vertical blinds, dishwashers, balconies, club facilities, pools, tennis courts, exceptional architecture and landscaping.

All located in Belleville just off the I-94 N. Service Drive, 1/4 mile W. of Haggerty exit. Open Weekdays 11-6, Weekends 11-5

'Executive Furnished Units Available EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

Affordable excellence by Slatkin Corporation

**JOB COACHES** needed, part time to work with individuals in community settings. Part time positions, \$7 an hour to start. Mon-Fri. Prefer WCLS trained, reliable transportation. Call 292-2600.

**LICENSED ELECTRICIANS**

Needed now! Residential, commercial, light industrial. Call 728-3838.

**LOOKING FOR** hardworking dependable mechanics and tow drivers. Part time which can lead to full time position. \$62-5100.

**LPN/RNs**

Pediatric Nurses, full and part time, all shifts, all skill levels needed including ventilator. Westland, Canton, Trenton, Taylor and Riverview. Friends Who Care, 800-352-5340.

**LUMBER SORTERS AND NAILERS** for outdoor work in Romulus area. \$6.00 per hour to start. Overtime, 810-559-7744.

**PART-TIME SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHER** needed for Western Wayne County communities. Evenings and weekends. Call Joan Dyer-Zimmer, 729-4000 from 9am-5pm.

**313-955-7300**

**Equal Opportunity Employer**

**RETAIL DEPARTMENT STORES**

**MANAGER TRAINEES**

**IMMEDIATE OPENINGS**

Expanding retail chain seeking highly motivated and aggressive individuals for several training: trainee positions. Responsibilities include: Supervising staff of 35, insuring customer satisfaction, and increasing sales. Excellent starting salary and unlimited earnings potential. Guaranteed quick advancement for those who produce. Previous supervisory experience a plus, but not required, will train. Apply in person, Monday through Friday between 10am and 4pm, 953 Manufacturers Dr., Westland.

**Smith Security Corp.**

11100 Airport Center Dr.

Suite 130

Romulus, MI 48174

1/2 mile S. of 94 at Wayne Rd.

313-955-3600.

**89. Apts. for Rent**

**ST. CLEMENT MANOR**

Home for the physically handicapped

Applicants must qualify under the HUD guidelines for the handicapped.

For further information contact:

**Chateau Cherry Hill Inc.**

213 Henry Ruff Road, Inkster

**729-7721 or 729-7722**

**MON-FRI 9-5**

**Westchester Towers**

**1 BEDROOM ONLY \$465**

**2 BEDROOM \$525**

**"HEAT INCLUDED"**

**NO RENT DUE UNTIL 1996**

**INDOOR HEATED POOL - SAUNAS**

**VERTICLE BLINDS - DISHWASHER**

**AIR CONDITIONING - CABLE READY**

**CONVENIENT LOCATION - RESIDENT ACTIVITIES**

**MERCHANT DISCOUNT PROGRAM**

**729-0800**

**\*Call For Details.**

**EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY**

**RN'S/LPN'S**

We need you. LPN's earn up to \$20 per hour. RN's earn up to \$24 per hour. Home care staff required. Applications accepted at: National Car Rental Detroit Metropolitan Airport. Call 292-2600.

**ROUTE DRIVERS**

Wanted for fast paced environment. Must be chauffeurs license or CDL. Will train. Apply in person, Monday - Friday, 10-4, 953 Manufacturers Drive, Newburgh/Cherry Hill area, Westland.

**50. Pets & Supplies**

**FAMILY HOME CARE**

(313) 455-5683

**MOLLY MAID**

now hiring full time, \$6-\$8 an hour after training. No evenings, no weekends. Medical & dental insurance available. 451-9555.

**NEWLY DEVELOPED**

communications company of the National Guard has several openings. No experience necessary. We pay you to train. Call 313-483-2863.

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Wanted for fast paced environment. Must be chauffeurs license or CDL. Will train. Apply in person, Monday - Friday, 10-4, 953 Manufacturers Drive, Newburgh/Cherry Hill area, Westland.

**51. Misc. Items**

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**THE HILTON SUITES HOTEL**

at Detroit Metro Airport is accepting applications for the following positions:

\*Housekeeping

\*Laundry

\*Houseperson

\*Front Desk Agents

\*Shuttle Driver

\*Maintenance

Business is great and we would like to have you working with us.

Apply in person: 8600 Wickham Road Romulus EOE

**52. Wanted to Buy**

**BUY, SELL, TRADE**

Tools, TVs, Camcorders and more! Top dollar paid!

641-0453

**53. Wanted**

**SELL, TRADE**

Tools, TVs, Camcorders and more! Top dollar paid!

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**54. Wanted**

**SELL, TRADE**

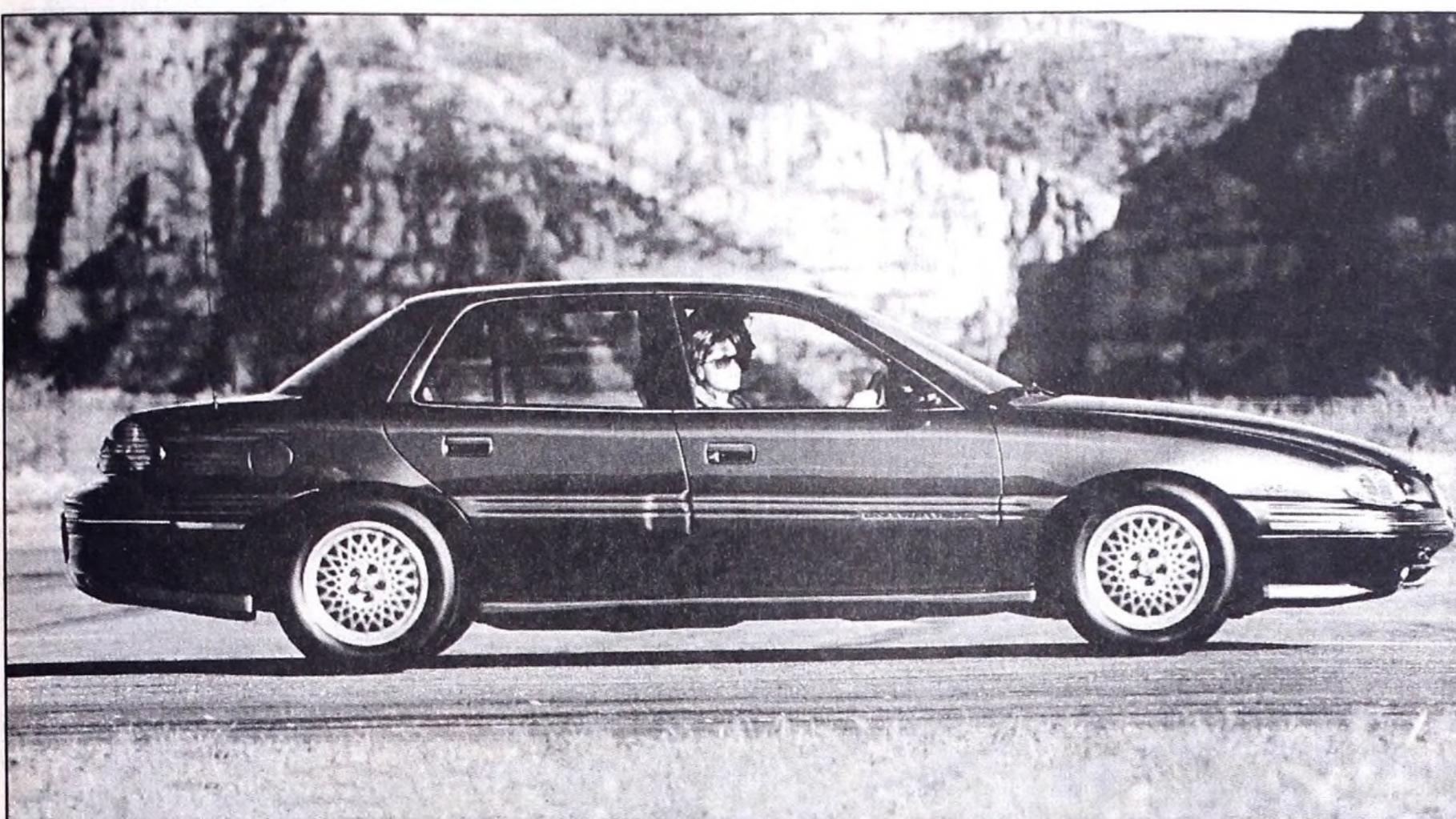
Tools, TVs, Camcorders and more! Top dollar paid!

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# Wheels & Classified

MICHIGAN COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS



1996 Grand Am

**STANDARD EQUIPMENT**

(Items Featured Below are included at NO EXTRA CHARGE in the Standard Vehicle Price Shown at Right)

**POWERTRAIN/MECH:**

- 2.4L TWIN CAM 16V 4-CYL ENG
- 5-SPEED MANUAL TRANSMISSION
- FRONT-WHEEL DRIVE
- POWER RACK & PINION STEERING
- STAINLESS STEEL EXHAUST
- P195/70R14 STL-BELT A/S TIRES
- 15.2 GALLON FUEL TANK

**SAFETY/SECURITY:**

- DRIVER AND PASSENGER AIR BAGS
- 4-WHEEL ANTI-LOCK BRAKES - POWER FRONT DISC/REAR DRUM
- DAYTIME RUNNING LAMPS
- AUTOMATIC POWER DOOR LOCKS
- PASSLOCK THEFT-DETERRENT SYS.
- ADJUSTABLE FRONT SHOULDER BELT GUIDE LOOPS
- REAR DOOR CHILD SAFETY LOCKS
- RR-SEAT-BELT COMFORT GUIDES

**EXTERIOR:**

- CUSTOM BOLT-ON WHEEL COVERS
- DOUBLE-SIDE GALVANIZED STEEL BODY PANELS (EXCEPT ROOF)
- HEADLAMPS-REFLECTOR OPTIC
- FOG LAMPS - IMPACT RESISTANT
- SPORT MIRRORS LH REM / RH MAN
- SOFT-RAY TINTED GLASS

**INTERIOR:**

- ILLUMINATED ENTRY
- ENGINE OIL LEVEL SENSOR LIGHT
- INSTRUMENTATION W/TACHOMETER
- FULL LENGTH FLOOR CONSOLE WITH INTEGRATED CUPHOLDERS
- DUAL VISOR VANITY MIRRORS
- AM/FM STEREO WITH 4 SPEAKERS
- REMOTE FUEL & TRUNK RELEASES
- LIMITED WARRANTY

## '96 Grand Am exciting, hot

By JUSTIN WILOCK  
MCN Automotive Writer

"PONTIAC - WE ARE DRIVING EXCITEMENT." The words of an ad agency or public relations expert?

In the case of the 1996 Pontiac Grand Am SE sedan the word excitement should be replaced by completeness.

This car is essentially everything to everyone who drives it. It is aggressively styled, it offers enough room for four full-size adults in relative comfort, and has a trunk that is cavernous to say the least.

All Grand Am models have four wheel anti-lock brakes and dual air bags as standard equipment.

My test vehicle came equipped with GM's new 2.4 liter DOHC Quad 4 as its power plant. This engine produces 150 hp and produces 155 ft lbs. of torque.

This engine offered crisp acceleration while mated with a four-speed automatic transmission.

The Quad 4 is rated at 22 MPG in the city and 32 MPG on the highway.

The Grand Am has a host of high points, starting with enough storage space to hold all the contents of my apartment's closets.

Things like sun visor extensions to help block the sun, to windshield washer sprayers that shoot fluid from the wiper arm rather than the hood.

What results is a complete covering of the windshield with fluid for improved visibility.

*So, if a car that can complete all of your needs excites you, then subscribe to the slogan, PONTIAC, WE ARE DRIVING EXCITEMENT.*

bility.

The driver receives a cup holder in front of the gear shift, and one behind the gear shift. The already plentiful trunk is enhanced by folding rear seats that allow larger items like skis, to fit easily.

For the price, \$17,690, you get a lot of conveniences for the money.

My test vehicle came equipped with an automatic transmission, anti-lock brakes, power windows and locks, power mirrors, an AM/FM stereo with cassette, remote keyless entry and a rear spoiler.

So, if a car that can complete all of your needs excites you, then subscribe to the slogan, "PONTIAC - WE ARE DRIVING EXCITEMENT."

# PAT MILLIKEN FORD



'95 COUGAR XR7

V6, super low miles, auto., air, P.S., P.B., P.W., P.L., AM/FM cass., cruise, tilt, pwr. moonroof.

\$16,799



'94 F-150 SUPER CAB XLT

Auto., air, P.S., P.B., P.W., P.L., cruise, tilt, AM/FM/Cass.

\$15,488



'94 EXPLORER XLT

4 Door, Auto, Air, PS, PB, PW, PL, Cruise, Tilt, AM/FM/Cass.

\$17,995

**'93 PROBE GT**

Auto, air, PS, PB, PW, PL, cruise, tilt, AM/FM/Cass.

\$10,897

**'94 LINCOLN CONTINENTAL**

Black, auto, air, P.S., P.B., P.W., P.L., cruise, tilt, AM/FM cass., leather.

\$16,997

**'89 SABLE WAGON**

Auto, air, P.S., P.B., P.W., P.L., cruise, tilt, AM/FM cass., leather.

\$7,495

**'93 MERCURY CAPRI**

5 spd., leather, P.S., P.B., P.W., P.L., cruise, AM/FM cass.

\$8,995

**'94 TAURUS WAGON**

Auto, air, P.S., P.B., AM/FM/cass.

\$12,887

**'94 CROWN VICTORIA**

Leather, auto., air, P.S., P.B., P.W., P.L., cruise, tilt, AM/FM/Cass.

\$15,488

**'95 ESCORT**

2 door, auto., air, P.S., P.B., AM/FM/Cass.

\$9,687

**'91 FORD PROBE**

Auto., air, P.S., P.B., AM/FM cass.

\$5,995

**'91 LINCOLN CONTINENTAL**

Leather, auto, air, P.S., P.B., cruise, tilt, AM/FM cass.

\$10,988

**'94 F-150 4X4**

Tonneau cover, auto, air, P.S., P.B., P.W., P.L., cruise, tilt, AM/FM cass.

\$17,485

**'93 F-150 XLT**

Auto., air, P.S., P.B., P.W., P.L., AM/FM cass., cruise, tilt.

\$12,995

**'93 RANGER XLT**

5 spd., air, P.S., P.B., AM/FM.

\$9,488

**'91 RANGER PICKUP**

Bedliner, auto., air, P.S., P.B., cruise, AM/FM/Cass.

\$8,874

**'92 RANGER**

5 spd., P.S., P.B., AM/FM cass.

\$7,987

**'94 CLUB WAGON**

8 pass., auto, air, P.S., P.B., P.W., P.L., cruise, AM/FM cass., tilt.

\$17,497

**'91 F-150 SUPER CAB**

Bedliner, 5 spd., P.S., P.B., P.W., P.L., AM/FM/cass., cruise, air.

\$10,497

**'94 CLUB WAGON**

Auto, air, P.S., P.B., P.W., P.L., cruise, tilt, AM/FM/Cass., bedliner.

\$18,897

**'93 F-150**

Fiberglass cap, auto., air, P.S., P.B., P.W., P.L., cruise, tilt, AM/FM/Cass., bedliner.

\$13,479

**'93 AEROSTAR AWD**

7 pass., auto., air, P.S., P.B., P.W., P.L., cruise, tilt, AM/FM/cass.

\$16,397

**'93 AEROSTAR**

AM/FM cass., air, cruise &amp; more!

\$10,597

**'91 AEROSTAR EXT**

7 pass., auto., air, P.S., P.B., P.W., P.L., cruise, tilt, AM/FM/cass.

\$10,488

**'92 BRONCO XLT WAGON**

Auto., air, P.S., P.B., P.W., P.L., cruise, tilt, AM/FM cass.

\$16,888

**'94 EXPLORER SPORT**

Auto, air, P.S., P.B., P.W., P.L., cruise, tilt, AM/FM cass.

\$16,998

**'91 EXPLORER XLT 4 DR.**

Auto., air, P.S., P.B., P.W., P.L., cruise, tilt, AM/FM/cass.

\$11,988

**'96 EXPLORER SPORT**

Auto., air, P.S., P.B., P.W., P.L., cruise, tilt, AM/FM/cass.

\$21,882

**'92 EXPLORER**

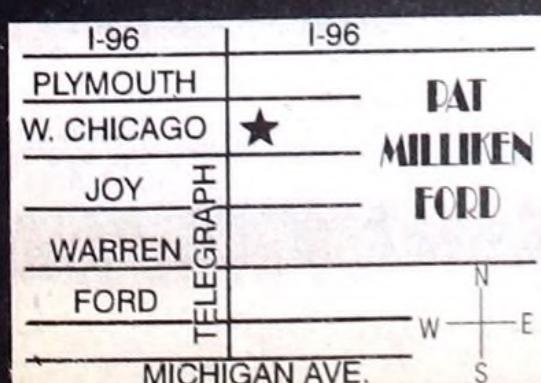
Auto., air, P.S., P.B., P.W., P.L., cruise, tilt, AM/FM cass.

\$15,988

**'94 EXPLORER LIMITED**

Auto., air, P.S., P.B., P.W., P.L., cruise, tilt, AM/FM/Cass., leather.

\$21,874



**PAT MILLIKEN FORD**  
9600 TELEGRAPH  
(313) 255-3100

**HOURS:**  
**MON. & THURS.**  
8:30 - 9  
**T-W-F**  
8:30 - 6

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# GREAT DEALS TO START THE NEW YEAR

<b>'95 IMPALLA SS</b>  350 V-8, auto., air, P.S., P.W., P.B., P.L., tilt, cruise, AM/FM stereo CD, leather, 2 pwr. seats, 5,000 miles. <b>\$22,995</b>	<b>'94 SATURN SC-2</b>  P.S., P.B., Air, P.W. AM/FM Cassette, Tilt, Cruise, One owner <b>\$11,995</b>	<b>'95 S-10 BLAZER 4 DR 4X4</b>  Auto., air, P.S., P.B., P.W., P.L., tilt, cruise, AM/FM stereo, CPI, V-6 <b>\$20,995</b>
<b>'95 GEO TRACKER LSI</b>  Auto, Air P.S., P.B. Convertible, One owner, <b>\$12,995</b>	<b>'91 CAVALIER 4-DOOR RS</b>  Auto., air, P.S., P.B., tilt, cruise, 66,000 mi AM/FM/CASS. <b>\$6,995</b>	<b>'95 BERETTA Z26</b>  V-6, auto., air, P.S., P.B., P.W., P.L., cruise, tilt, AM/FMCass., 5,000 miles <b>\$14,595</b>
<b>'93 FORD TEMPO 2DR.</b>  P.S., P.B., AM/FM Cassette, Air <b>\$6,495</b>	<b>'94 S-10 BLAZER 4X4</b>  V-6, auto, air, tilt, cruise, P.W., P.L., P.S., P.B., AM/FM/Cass., 22,000 mi. <b>\$18,995</b>	<b>'91 CAVALIER</b>  PS, PB, AM/FM/Stereo red & ready <b>\$4,995</b>
<b>JACK WEBB</b> <small>CHEVROLET</small> MON. & THURS 9-9 180 E. MICHIGAN AVE., YPSILANTI "THE DEALER THAT DEALS" <b>481-0210</b>	SAT. 9-3 TUES., WED. & FRI. 9-6	

# MICHIGAN'S LARGEST USED CAR CENTER

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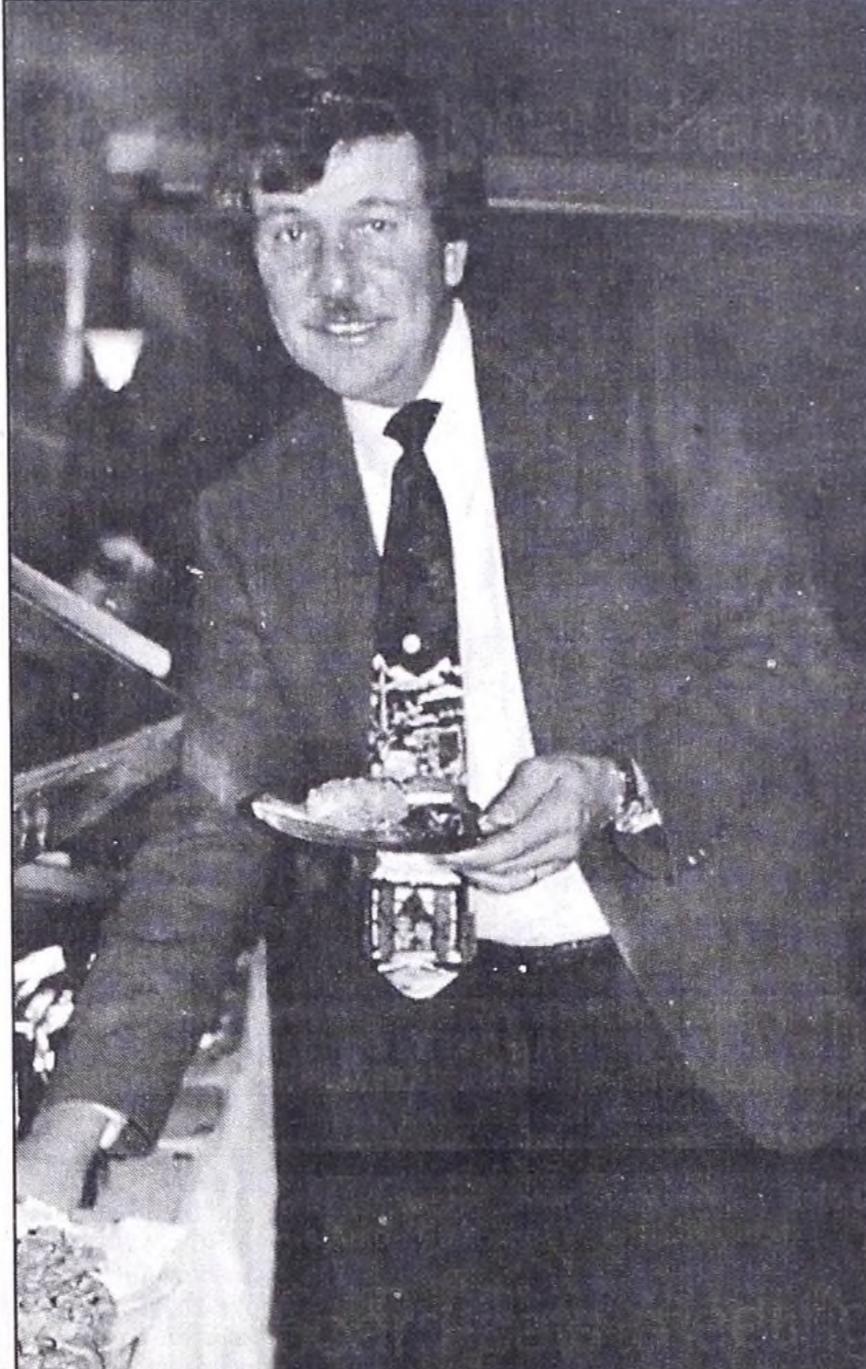
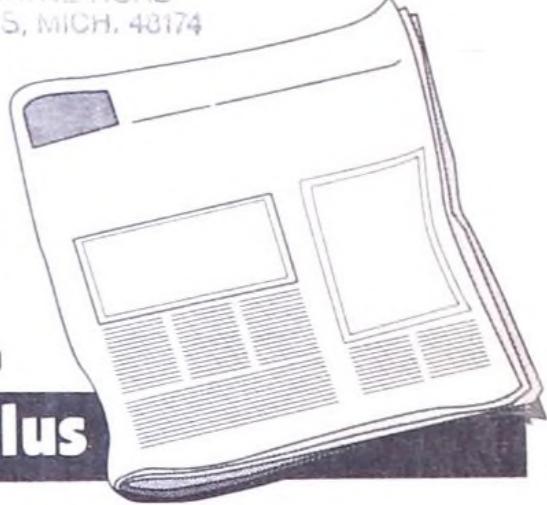
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**Party time**

Belleville Mayor Dennis Fassett and his wife, Ann, (top, left) attended their first Belleville Chamber of Commerce Christmas Party as the "first family." Circuit Court Judge Brian Zahra and Wayne County Commissioner Bruce Patterson (bottom, left) exchange greetings, and Keith Bruder (above) samples the buffet at the Woodlands of Van Buren. MCN photo by Joan Dyer-Zinner

**Goodfellows****National auto parts chain donates to local charity**By LORI GILLESPIE  
MCN Staff Writer

The holiday season generally brings out the best in people.

School children collect food for the hungry, the Salvation Army bell-ringers are out in full-force, and the Goodfellows sell newspapers to give see that there is "No Child Without a Christmas."

People in the community have donated money, food and toys for the charity through the Van Buren Public Schools, Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, local businesses and individuals.

For the second year in a row, Murray's Autoparts Headquarters, located in Van Buren Township, has joined with the local chapter of Goodfellows to help make this program successful.

Van Buren Township Police Officer Jim Haney said, "It's nice to have a national corporation get involved with the community. I've been involved in the program for seven years. It's nice to see them take time out to help other people."

Altogether, Murray's employees at the headquarters collected 785 cans, 89 toys, and \$3,500. There was also a personal check from the company for an additional \$500.

Mary Beth Dixon, who was in charge of the program at Murray's said, "We were just happy we could help out. As a corporation, we have been going through a lot of changes this year. Everyone pulled together, and managed to donate. It made us feel good to be able to help someone else out. It's just fantastic."



Officer Jim Haney checks over the donations from Mary Beth Dixon, representing Murray's Auto. MCN photo by Lori Gillespie

**School board sets meetings**

The Board of Education of Van Buren Public Schools will conduct its regular meetings at the following dates, times and places during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1995 and ending June 30, 1996.

Future meeting dates are Jan. 8, Jan. 22, Feb. 12, Feb. 26, March 11, March 25, April 8, April 22, May 13, May 27, June 10 and June 24.

All meetings are at 7:30 p.m. in the board room of the Administration Building, 555 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville.

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be available for public inspection during regular business hours, at the superintendent's office in the Administration Building, not more than eight business days after the date of said meeting, and approved minutes of each meeting will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, at the same location, not more than five business days after the meeting at which the minutes are approved. Copies of the minutes shall also be available for the reasonable estimated cost for printing or copying.

This notice is given in compliance with Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1976.

**Karaoke**

Romulus resident Billy Manning croons a tune at the Belleville Moose Lodge 934 where he stages karaoke entertainment for singers of all ages. MCN photo by Joan Dyer-Zinner

**Brush strokes****Area seniors resume art classes at center**By LORI GILLESPIE  
MCN Staff Writer

For the first time in two years, the September Days Seniors in Van Buren are learning about art.

According to senior coordinator Linda Combs, during the craft sale and art show in October, Kim Ensch was looking at the art display when artist Lila Warner struck up a conversation with her.

"Lila spoke to her and found out she could teach art. Lila came to me, and we're just glad to have her with us now," Combs said.

Ensch has been an artist for most of her life. "My family is in the greenhouse business, so I did floral work. My father is artistic and my mother is crafty. I worked in floral design, and as I got more into it, I tried different things and went for painting."

She studied art in high school and in some college classes, as well as taking classes at Bentley's and some

private instruction.

Although she will be working with oil paints with the seniors, Ensch also works with acrylics, pastels and charcoal.

Never a teacher, Ensch said she would like the seniors to paint from their life experiences. "I will be teaching them about colors and basic light perspectives, color theory, blending paints, and how to give their work an overall professional look."

At the moment, there are seven seniors in the class. "They had work they had begun in prior classes. We just improved and finished them," Ensch said. "Everyone is at a different level, and I am trying to work with each one individually."

After the first couple of classes, Ensch said, "It was amazing. I wasn't sure what to expect. They are eager to learn, and they are talented. They have good attitudes, they want to learn, they want to paint. They are very creative people."

**73 students recognized for academic excellence**

There were a total of 73 students from Romulus High School and Romulus Middle School that were recognized as "Student of the Month" for October.

On Nov. 15, 1995, the students and their parents were invited to a brief ceremony honoring them. These students were selected by their respective teacher for excelling behaviorally and academically for the month.

The students attending received a certificate of achievement and, thanks to local sponsors, a \$50 U.S. savings bond. The program with the cooperation of local sponsors, instills positive and high expectations in our students.

Principal Dan Hurst said, "It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the following students for their past month's achievements: Heidi Adams, Richard Baldwin, Caleb Beasley, Kelly Bottenhorn, Jason Brooks, Angela Caswell, Angela Coate, Robert Collins, Erin Conway, Daniel Correy, Joshua Creith, Crystal Davidson, Jeremy Davidson, Andrea Deline, David Detroyer, Tyra Donald, Eric Dyer, Ryan Evans (Athlete), Tracie Finley, Aimee Fisher, Shence Garner, Julie Golden, Heather Gonica, Michelle Grace, Chante' Graham, Ray Graves, Ambrose Green, Jaclyn Griffith, Jennifer Hanna, Heather Heughens, Melvin Hicks, James Hill, Amy Hornfeld, Aaron Hughes, Kevin Kilmer, Jessica Kortas, Amanda Kozlowski, Renardo Kwolek, Nicole Laskaska, Eric Lindquist, Dinah Malosh, Lance Martin, John Massey, Kellie Massey, Amanda Michniak, Steven Mientkiewicz, Keith Miller, Joshua Mitchell, David Moomaw, April Morones, Nicolle Moue, Jessica Nieman, Andre Parson, Lyle Place, David Powell, Anthony Reed, Thomas Rissane, Robert Roberts, Ryan Romak, Linda Ryznar, Robert Samonek, Nathan Sims, Michael Smith, Neil Sneath, James Taylor, Brooke Thompson, Jeremy Townsend, Jennifer Vit, Falencia Ward, Kendra Watt, Andrea Williams, Daniel Williams and Seante Wright.

Hurst continued, "I would also like to thank the following sponsors for being our partners in education for this month: Belleville Die Shop, C & C trailer Service, Chem/Central Detroit, Crova GMC Trucks, Daly Drive-In, Double Bogie Pizza, Elkins Machine &

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# Past recalled

## Resident remembers old hospital

By JOAN DYER-ZINNER  
MCN Managing Editor

Although the Belvil Community Hospital has been closed for more than 20 years and was demolished two years ago, Betty Rhodes of Belleville has fond memories of the facility and the doctor who founded it.

"I wish you would remind folks in the Belleville area how much we owe to our Dr. (Elvis S.) Alford. He used his personal money and built and ran our little town hospital," Rhodes wrote. "It has been torn down now, but it served many while it was there."

Rhodes remembers that Dr. Alford was one of the few doctors who made house calls.

"He would come to the house to help the old folks who couldn't get to him. He delivered our first two children at home for us before he had the hospital built to make it safer and better for all," she said. "I will always be thankful for all he did for so many of us. He was one of the few who gave the extra mile and served above and beyond the call of duty."



"The hospital did a lot for us! His family even had to wait for their home, because they lived above his office when he first started doctoring here in our town," Rhodes said.

Dr. Alford had his home and office at 101 Main Street, and practiced medicine in the city for 40 years.

"We should at least have a plaque honoring him at the site to help us remember," said the Belleville woman.

The Belvil Hospital was built in 1953 by Dr. Alford, who died on March 27, 1988. The 70-bed facility was staffed by osteopathic and medical physicians and surgeons, and during its prosperous time, the hospital employed 110 people and had 24 doctors on its staff.

The hospital had been closed for some 20 years be-

fore it was demolished in the spring of 1992. The building had been vandalized, and attempts by Dr. Alford to sell it were unsuccessful.

Potential buyers had surveyed the site as a possible satellite hospital center, convalescent home and apartment complex, but no firm offers were made on the property. In addition to interior damage to the hospital, efforts to sell the property were hindered when asbestos was discovered in the structure, according to a real estate representative. Asbestos removal is a costly project and would have increased expenses beyond those which potential buyers were willing to pay.

In mid-October of 1991, the city planned to proceed with the demolition, but one of the heirs of the Alford estate blocked the project. In December, 1991, the city and the conservator of the estate, John Chase, reached an agreement with the heir and the demolition was re-scheduled.

Demolition was begun in February, 1992 and completed in March of the same year.

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"Next, there was a nice little theater. Grant Martin had a candy store in the front corner, and Doreen Post played the piano for the silent movies. On Sundays, she played the organ at the old red brick Methodist church," Parkinson recalled. "There was a C.F. Smith store, a Kroger store and John Rice dry good store. On the corner where the Golden Boy used to be, Joseph Ciesielski had a bar with living quarters above. Eddie and Virginia Ciesielski grew up there. There was kind of a courtyard behind with a little gate.

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"Later, Shanks had a dry cleaning business in one corner of that building. Next, was Walter's Meat Market, Potter's Store and Pullen's Store, Maggie Hope's house and Blanch Walters lived next door," she recalled.

"The yellow house up the street on the corner belonged to the Fehlings who had the first shoe store before Barney and Joe Katt had theirs. Where the Nationwide Bank is now, was the old red brick Methodist parsonage, then a couple more houses and the white Catholic Church," Parkinson said.

The long-time Belleville resident noted that around the corner Mrs. Smith had a store.



The old Belvil Hospital served the area for many years before it was vacated. Then, the vacant building remained unoccupied for several years before it was demolished. MCN file photo

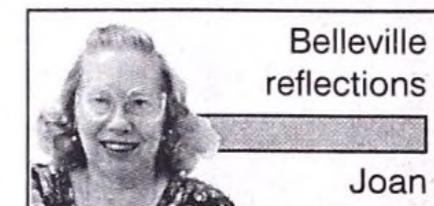
## 3 communities agree to unite to preserve rich history

There may be some differences of opinion between leaders of Belleville, Van Buren Township and Sumpter Township, but they are all in agreement over the preservation of the rich history of the community.

All three communities have pledged to fund the new Belleville Area Museum, which will be located in the former Van Buren Township Hall, which is recognized by the Michigan Historical Society as a Michigan Landmark.

When the Belleville Area Museum was organized in 1986, by a committee formed by the Van Buren School District, a decision was made to quarter the museum within the Quirk School building. At that time, the building was not fully utilized and the site seemed appropriate. However, recently the former elementary school was acquired by the township and the need to re-locate the museum became a priority.

At about the same time, Van Buren Township decided to renovate the old Township



Belleville reflections

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Hall and its board decided that an appropriate use for the historic building would be to house the tri-community museum.

The site, in the center of downtown Belleville, should provide better access to the museum, and, perhaps, encourage gift stores, antique shops and related businesses to locate in the downtown area.

It seems to be a win-win situation for all. The museum will have a more accessible and appropriate location; the city will benefit from visitors to the site; the central location will be closer to the residents of southern Van Buren Township and Sumpter Township, and the history of the three communities will be preserved.

The Belleville Area Mu-

seum has been a showcase of community cooperation, and is a monument to what can be accomplished through the selfless efforts of dedicated leaders and volunteers. History goes beyond borders and boundaries, and its lessons are for everyone - young, old, long-time resident and newcomer - to share the rich history of their community.

How else could it be possible for residents to visit the Wabash Depot, the dressmaker's shop, Pullen's Furniture Store, Beebe's General Store, the one-room Sumpter School, Dr. Forbes' office, the Arlington Hotel and Sam Campbell's Drug Store plus other buildings from the past?

All of this could not have happened without the cooperation of the three communities and their leaders, Belleville Mayor Glenn Silvenis, Sumpter Township Supervisor Marvin Banotai and Van Buren Township Supervisor David Jacques.

We salute your leadership and dedication to the preservation of history.

## Downtown places, faces recalled

When Betty Bird Parkinson began to recall some of her memories of Belleville, many names and faces came to mind - in fact, she remembered the past occupants of many stores and homes along Main Street.

"I remember three white houses where the parking lot is next to the laundromat. In the front one lived Eva Vanschilz and her nephew and niece, Eleanor and Gordon Wortley," wrote Parkinson. "Harold Cullen owned the Standard gas station. On the next corner there was a tall, white building that housed the Stiers Bakery. Next, the smaller Hamilton Hardware."

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tions of Hamiltons there - Silas, Dick and Lynne, she recalled.

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## Celebrating 110 years of service to Western Wayne County

In just three months, March 10, 1996, the *Belleville Enterprise* will observe its 110th year of serving as the home town newspaper for area residents.

During the past 110 years, the *Enterprise* has brought news of community events, births and deaths, high school sports and academic events, feature stories, police reports plus news from the townships, city and school board.

We've come a long way from the days when A.E. Smith printed the *Enterprise* in the former cigar shop on High Street, but we are still printing the news of the day for hometown residents just as we did in 1886.

Although we take great pride in our past, we also take equal pride in our present and our future.

During the last two years, we have made some positive changes, which include the use of color photography on our front page, sports section and feature pages plus the recent edition of our Good News section which is published monthly. And, more improvements are planned for the future.

To observe our 100th anniversary, we're making the month of March our official anniversary observance with special events and advertising opportunities.

Come and celebrate with us on March 6, when we begin our month-long celebration, and watch for further announcements.

*The staff of the Belleville Enterprise invites the public to celebrate the 110th Anniversary of the newspaper 4:30-6:30 pm Wednesday, March 6, 1996 307 Main Street Belleville*



## Top tree

Barbara Danna (left) of Danna & Co. Financial Services won the prize for the most creative holiday tree decoration in downtown Belleville. Bob Stoner (right) of the Central Business Community presented the award. MCN photo by Joan Dyer-Zinner

## Romulus Middle School students earn honors

### 7th Grade

Steven Abdo, Heide Adams, Mubbeena Ahmad, Jennifer Andrews, Richard Angel, Kevin Baber, Craig Bailey, Russell Barnes, Erick Bauman, Stephanie Blackburn, Ryan Block, Thomas Bolus, Michael Boomer, Jason Brooks, Alexis Brown, Tara Brown, David Brugh, Renee Byard, Colleen Chameris, Kevin Cooke, David Cunningham, Jamil Davis, Andrea Deline, Jennifer DeWitt, Heather Engle, Samuel Estes, Tracie Finley, Aimee Fisher, Talisa Garcia, Tamara Garcia, William Gibson, Kristin Godard, Tishona Gregory, Jaclyn Griffith, Amy Hornfeld, Jacqueline Hamilton, Brian Harper, Jennifer Harper, Carla Harris, Christopher Higgins, Brandon Hindman, Tracy Hojara, Jamie Hool, Lindsey Hoppe, Warren Howard, Keith Hubbard, Amy Hudson, Crystal Humble, Melissa Izobo, Jessica Jackson, Jay Jakeway, Melaina Keller, Shaun Kemp, Nayla Khan, Jessica Kortas, Amy Kruszelnicki, Jerifsha Lee, Makenzie Logan, Valentina Lucaj, Danyelle Malloy, Marla Manier, Bryan Marcell, Pierre Matthews, Nicole McMurdy, Amanda Michniak, Crystal Minner, Brandon Moomaw, Joshua Murphy, Brandon Olson, Kimberly Parker, Shawna Pattenade, Ciera Richmond, Robert Roberts, John Ryznar, Kerol Sandusky, David Schonscheck, Emily Schultz, Nathan Sims, Ashley Slone, Ashaundei Smith, Carrie Spielman, Christopher Tally, Steven Tasky, Keith Timbrooks, Jeremy Townsend, Sara Turner, Steven Usher, Kimberly Uszicks, Charles Uszicks, Kimberly Wessling, Nancy Whittemore, Rashad Woods, and Jacquelyn Zeestraten.

### 8th Grade

Christina Allen, Jarene

## Belleville seniors earn all "A" report cards

### 12th Grade All "A's"

Cyril Batten, Carroll David, Jennifer Endicott, Tamra Fisher, Arman Forouzannia, Dawn George, Erin Hunt, Janice Jablonski, Jessica Kauffman, Christina Lovern, Shane Sevo, and Christina Wortz.

### 11th Grade All "A's"

Morris Altizer, Jesse Beeker, Wendy Bennett, Joseph Dillard, Stephen Flraig, Samantha Gondek, Scott Harrison, Danelle Kemerer, Brianne Leonard, Aimee Manning, Derrick Mastle, Ronnie Ramey, and Shannon Riddle.

### 10th Grade All "A's"

Steven Banks, Sherry Gubaugh, Ryan Harris, Joan Helzerman, Jason Mayol, Joseph McInchak, Jeremiah Newbern, Caleb Orr, Amanda Pepin, Barbara Peters, Elizabeth Pratt, Alan Reimer, John Reimer, Lynde VonHatten, and Heather Yeakle.

### 9th Grade All "A's"

Stephen Clark, Valeria Clark, Candice Elkins, Robyn Golden, Janet Grudzien, Kevin Harrison, Elizabeth Hiser, Barry Jover, Joseph Lorraine, Matthew McInchak, Dylan Smeltzer, Andrew Smith, Angela Smith, Jeremy Tunstall, Orlando Warren, and Nicholas West.

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## Rivers takes 'common sense' path

By HEATHER NEEDHAM  
MCN Staff Writer

Lynn Rivers, U.S. Congresswoman is a Democrat, but she claims it doesn't cloud her judgment when she votes on important issues.

"I vote on whether it's a good or bad idea," Rivers said.

As an example, she said she supported a bill on "line item veto," which would allow the president to veto parts of legislation rather than the whole thing, although her Democratic counterparts were against it.

"I'm a common sense Democrat," she said.

Rivers said she tends to consider what's best for her constituents when she decides how to vote, too. In a recent vote on a telecommunications bill, she saw a "third party" in what appeared to be an "AT&T versus Ameritech" bill. That third party was the consumers, whom she felt would be cheated if it passed. She voted against the bill.

The bill would essentially allow incumbent companies to have a "monopoly" for short periods of time, which might raise prices for consumers. The bill will be de-regulated before the competition begins



Congresswoman Lynn Rivers

rather than after it begins, which means the rates would not have limits, she said.

Money is the main issue in this legislation, according to Rivers. Or, more accurately, the lack of money inside the pockets of Western Wayne County residents.

"(Western Wayne County residents) are living pretty close to the edge," Rivers said.

Once they have paid bills, and paid to try and give chil-

mental issues, labor issues, and economics.

Rivers said she would seek out people to participate through databases, data from local chambers of commerce, and through announcements in newspapers, but not through direct mail. Why? Because she doesn't want to spend taxpayers money doing it.

Some of Rivers' goals include taking time to review legislation thoroughly, nurturing issues important to her and her constituents, and getting communities involved through "town-meeting" type activities. Two such meetings are scheduled in September.

Regarding legislation review, Rivers spoke more specifically about the "Contract with America," where legislation was passing at an alarming rate, she said.

"There were days when it was impossible to inform the constituents about what was going on," she said.

Passing legislation quickly might seem like an oxymoron when Congress is concerned, considering its reputation for moving slowly. Rivers agreed on that point.

"Usually they are," she said of its slow pace.

## Danny Glover performs

Actors Danny Glover and Felix Justice will present An Evening with Langston and Martin in Eastern Michigan University's Pease Auditorium at 7 p.m. Jan. 12.

Sponsored by the EMU Office of Campus Life as part of its Spectrum Lecture Series and EMU's Martin Luther King Jr. celebration, the event will begin with critically-acclaimed actor/director Justice in a one-man portrayal of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

In this recitation of King's two most memorable speeches, Justice transforms himself into the civil rights leader, recreating the power of the man and his message. Immediately following, Glover will perform theatrical readings from the works of Langston Hughes. The performance brings to life the uniquely African-American words and rhythms of one of the country's most celebrated writers. A question and answer period will take place after the performance.

The creation of An Evening with Langston and Martin is the result of a long friendship between Glover and Justice

who first met as struggling actors in the San Francisco Bay area.

Hughes was known during his lifetime as the poet laureate of Harlem. His first book, The Weary Blues, published in 1926, brought him literary prominence. He went to Lincoln University in Oxford, Pa., where he earned his bachelor's degree in 1929. From then on, he earned his living as a writer, portraying black life in the United States with idiomatic realism.

Ticket prices are \$18, \$15 and \$12, with a \$2 discount for senior citizens and children under 12 and a 50 percent discount for EMU students with I.D.

Tickets are available by calling Ticketmaster at (810) 645-6666, or the EMU Arts and Entertainment Box Office at (313) 487-1221.

EMU box office hours are Monday through Friday from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. The Pease Auditorium will also be open two hours prior to performance time.

For more information, call the EMU Campus Life at (313) 487-3045.

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## North elects Honor Society

North Middle School inducted the 1995-96 National Junior Honor Society members at the end of the 1994-95 school year. This year, they have elected five officers to represent them: President Kristal McKanders, Vice-President Natalie Yeakle, Secretary Kimika Edwards, Treasurer Valarie Toth, Historian Ryann Kilgore. The advisors are Mary Ivan and Charlene Korpics.

The National Junior Honor Society hosted a bake sale at the annual pancake supper to buy items for the residents of Bellewoods Convalescent Home. In addition, the group purchased three picnic tables for school's library courtyard. Two of the tables were built by Charles Struble, husband of NMS teacher Karen Struble.

## Christian musical

A contemporary Christian singing group Anointing Oil will perform at the Romulus Community United Methodist Church at 6 p.m. on Jan. 20. The vocal quartet will offer a musical stage performance style production at the Saturday Church Alive service that will be followed by a Family Night activity. The group includes Christy Long, Christa Martinez, Kim Stewart and Annette Wybert. MCN Special Photo

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